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Aaahh! We'll just see about that you little shit! I'm going to write a letter to Disorder and drag all your names through the mud 'cause I'm the moviestart here not you two-bit twerps.

-Go ahead Ginger let 'em print it. What do they care? All it'll do is show everybody what a vindictive, small-minded, greedy person you are...

-I don't care!

-Oh yeah? Professor says that 93% of mail that media publications such as Disorder get is stuff that people want printed so they can slag their enemies. Pretty soon no one will take Airhead or you, (same thing!) seriously!

-Well, there is my reputation...

-If you're gonna write Disorder a letter, make it constructive so we can get off this fuckin' island!

Actually, *Elspeth*, as you may remember, the bandmembers stated that the next step for them would be to adopt different personal names. Thus, we'd like to think we merely helped them, and in particular — "Doug," along in their endeavours.

DOUBLE GLAZING IS NICE BUT IN BRAZIL THEY HAVE SPACE

Rio de Janeiro 26-06-91

Dear friend of DISORDER:
I want know your FANZINE, how I do for it... This is my international Fanzine: "HALLUCINATION". Send your opinion, collaboration...etc... ANSWER PLEASE!!...THANK YOU!
Alberto

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IRONIC BUTTERFLY

Dear Disorder

It seems to have become rather common for people talking about or reviewing hardcore bands to describe them as generic. Now to suggest that every group of people who decide to play hardcore are going to be completely original is ludicrous and therefore some generic bands would be expected.

However, a large number of the people who most loudly disclaim hardcore seem to be former fans who have now latched on to some other style of music. These people will trumpet any band which plays this new and improved flavour of music while slagging off all new hardcore bands as generic, not like in the good old days when they listened to hardcore. The ironic thing is that these people make up the large masses of unimaginative trend followers who made hardcore generic

in the first place. Now these leeches will suck the life out of their latest obsession burying the people with interesting ideas in a shallow grave of fashion and pretense. As far as hardcore goes I can only say good riddance but as someone who appreciates a lot of other different musical styles, it seems too bad that these people couldn't be slightly more openminded instead of opting for the flavour of the month. Oh well, people are pathetic why should I care.

It is not good enough to describe a band as generic hardcore without comparing them to at least one other band otherwise how generic can they be? Someone who can be no more specific than "generic hardcore" when describing a band is obviously too ignorant to know if they are or not should that the fuck up. If you are one of these people who need to point out that hardcore has a tendency to be generic (unlike any other form of music of course) as if it were some sort of revelation, don't bother because nobody's interested.

Kevin Connor

P.S. To those to who it applies I would like to extend my personal thanks to you for deciding to suck your identity from some other scene because hardcore can only get better without you.

PAINTING THE ROSES VIOLET



To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my disappointment of the slugging comment on page 26 of your magazine [Ed.—of the August issue]. Unfortunately, I was considering advertising with you but seeing you feel the way you do about my ads, you've just lost a lot of money.

In one paragraph one of your employees severely cut down my store, my ads, and my staff "KK and the Sunshine Bang").

My ads do a fuck of a lot more for the local music scene by featuring it in a positive light as opposed to your miserable, pessimistic reviewers.

Been nice.

Tracey
Violet Addiction

The comments by your employee (read volunteer columnist), "go back to Glamland where you came from and, for fucks sake, take Violet Addiction with you (nice ad copy) missed K.K. and the Sunshine Bang for obvious reasons," are opined, as they are supposed to be. We feel Disorder is supportive of the local music scene, and that does not mean being uncritical. Therefore, we let the opinions and thoughts of our writers remain untouched by our hands, the hands of the artists, and our advertisers. Fortunately, Disorder is in a position where its advertisers, or supposed potential advertisers, are not in a position to dictate the content of Disorder, unlike many other publications.

DEAD BLACK

Dear Disorder:

REVOLUTION BEGINS IN YOUR HEART, IN YOUR REFUSAL TO COMPROMISE YOUR OWN BELIEFS.

Once again a reader has written to Airhead and made statements to the effect that the Gothic/death/industrial music scene is dead and there is a sudden upsurging of beings going about clad in black pretending, that it's 1983 all over again...

The "Black" scene is just a small micro-organism of what makes up the Alternative scene. (a subculture within a larger culture). Gladly, they share the ranks with skaters, thrashers, punks, ska, reggae, the new hippy movement, skinheads, any sort of post-punk society that emerged during the eighties (and that "conventional society" disapproved of) of the seventies the Sex Pistols/Clash/David Bowie etc. made bold socially concisive and outrageous statements through music, fashion, art, etc.

A few issues back in the Disorder survey, the question was asked, "What punk is? A lifestyle, a musical style, or a fashion statement." One answer...it's a musical style that created a lifestyle and a fashion statement. To read a letter from someone who said

they were a part of the "Scene" in its formative years and believed it had absolutely no meaning other than to see who had the coolest shoes is very offensive and I have a strong feeling he or she is a poser or a trendoid who is shaking his or her booty to the pseudo-discs of the moment waiting for the next happening thing to come along.

Is the "Scene" gone just because Bauhaus is? While Bauhaus might not exist in that particular entity, it's former members have done numerous recordings in spin-off groups etc. The artists have evolved past 1987, so why can't the people they influence. I certainly am not living for the early years but when I put on any of my albums from that era I still hear the emotions that are caught up in it. To say "Goths" have no purpose is untrue. Gothic/industrial/death rock is still consciously shocking, still confronting people to examine themselves and their purpose in life.

Let me ask you this: what is the purpose of one who frequents The Roky, or Richard on Richards? I'd like to know the answer to that question.

It is unfortunate that there are so many misconceptions about what the alternative scene is, but this is caused by narrow-mindedness and people unwilling to expand their safe and secure worlds. Of, of course, there's always the trendier who have no sense of commitment and flit from one thing to another for the sake of looking cool, (as compared to being cool).

The so-called "Goth" resurgence (Oh my God, they're back!) is really a non-event. They were always there. Perhaps just waiting for someone to realize it, start playing the music again and make it once more a visible part of the "Scene." Even if it is 1991, the sentiments and emotions of the past don't disappear. They only evolve and move forward and that's why almost ten years later I still wear black, still listen to music that's considered to be on the cutting edge and still believe in something that is very difficult to define.

Society does not accept that which is different from itself, and therefore, that which is different must struggle for acceptance for what it is without compromising for the sake of others.

Zanna Severin

For reasons of brevity we have edited Zanna Severin's letter. Normally all Airhead letters are printed as received.



A READER GETS TART AND TINGLY

Dear One-Tenth of Kreviss: Re:

Your letter, August Disorder.

I don't understand why you think that Bruno's review of your band in the July Disorder was so inept. If you did not want your band's "musical performance" to be rated by your three-tenths (does a fourth as four-tenths if one of you sleeps two members of stupid conductor?) sexual activities why name the band Kreviss? Or was the name "just a joke" that Bruno was too dimwitted to understand? Perhaps the joke is on you, my dear. If Kreviss learn how to change chords without staring blankly at their fingers most of the time maybe their sexual activities will not be as interesting as their musical proficiency. But as Kreviss has displayed little of the latter I guess they are doomed to those nasty spiteful reviews.

Also, who cares if you know

who Bruno is? If you are so upset why not save a tree and whine, or screech, at him in person? I know you won't really shove a vibrator up his ass because you don't dig butt porn that's Octaktarctar's scene. Or maybe you should just spend more time practising and we will all forget about those sexual sins.

Love and Kisses,
Relle

KNIT ONE PEARL TWO...WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Dear Ed(s):

Re: July article on G.L.M.
Not to knit pick — BUT — There is no "Doug" in God's Little Monkeys. Nor has there ever been a "Doug" in the band. First crack at the whip and you've already fucked up. Shame on you and shame on Mr. De La Cereva!

Good luck on future issues.

Sincerely confused from
Elspeth Haughton





gatefold sleeve double 7", "Sugar Luv" which was named the Single of the Week by England's prestigious New Musical Express. The release also coincided with their first appearance in the U.K. which won them rave reviews in the British Music Press. Also off of the Blast First label the Lunachicks have their first full length LP, Babysitters on Acid.

Since then, the Lunachicks have parted company with Blast First and are now labelless, but they are still touring stateside with the Dictators and Spin Out. Cindy took time, on her birthday, to speak with our own Greg Garlick.

Discorder: Hi, how are you doing?

Cindy: Fine, I'm having a great time here in San Francisco.

Discorder: Let's get right down to it. Could please tell our readers who the Lunachicks are?

Cindy: I'm Gina, I play guitar, there's Gina, she plays guitar too, Becky, the drummer, Squid, who plays bass, and Theo, the vocalist.

Discorder: And the line up has been together for how long?

Cindy: Three years. We were messing around for about a year before we found a drummer but that was kinda like learning messing around and writing a couple of songs and just getting used to having a guitar on.

Discorder: Tell us about Thurston Moore and Kim Gordon discovering you?

Cindy: Well we were playing at a club, actually it was our third show, and we were not so good but there was something there. We weren't even good technically but they saw the potential, they got a hold of a real early tape and brought it to Blast First which was then their label. They had a lot to do with our initial success.

Discorder: So that's how the first two singles came together and your LP Babysitters on Acid.

Cindy: Right, and y'know for our first thing they went into the studio with us to produce it but it didn't happen.

Discorder: Was the first single released domestically or over in Europe?

Cindy: Everything was released in England, nothing was released domestically.

Discorder: You're no longer on Blast First though, what happened? Was it because you were on tour and they didn't help out with support?

Cindy: It's because they didn't really help us out with anything ever, basically, no royalties, no nothing.

Discorder: So it's just been the money you've been making on

the tour and stuff?

Cindy: Exactly, every time we go on tour it has to pay for itself.

Discorder: Have you been approached by many labels, such as SUB POP?

Cindy: No, SUB POP haven't approached us yet. At this point we were considering anything. We have two more albums worth of material that are really good that are just sitting there waiting to be recorded. So far we're not happy with the sound and production of any of the records we've already made because we weren't given enough money to really finish them. So we want to get this good material out and sounding good so we can have a record we are really proud of and for people to buy.

Discorder: Maybe Kim and Thurston could help you again?

Cindy: No, I don't think they're going to do anything else for us. We run into them in the street every now and then but that's about it.

Discorder: How's the tour going with the Dictators?

Cindy: It's great, we're havin' a great time, the shows are going really well. I love the Dictators, I love getting to see them every night. All the originals except for Richie Teeter are playing, Frank from the Del-Lords is drumming for them.

Discorder: What girl-bands do you like? The Cycle Sluts?

Cindy: I think L7 are great and I didn't hear much of Dickless but the little bit I heard, I liked. The Cycle Sluts is a completely different story. I mean we have absolutely nothing to do with each other. Y'know people bring them up when they talk to us as though they are an all girl band which y'know they're not—they're four girl singers in an all male rock band. They're metal, and we're not, and they know more of the right people than we do.

Discorder: Were you influenced by a band like Girlschool?

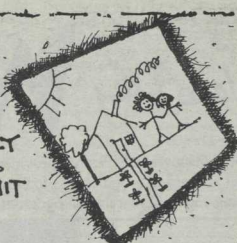
Cindy: Oh yeah, we're Girlschool fans, I don't know about influenced. We were probably more influenced by the Runaways than Girlschool. The Runaways were great.

Discorder: Was that limited edition Cookie Monster single, with a fold out poster, something you really wanted to do?

Cindy: No, all that, the poster and the booklet, was the idea of the record label. We were much rather taken that nice chunk of money that was spent on a pretty package and put it into making a good sounding record. To be perfectly honest, we think there were far too many pictures of us on the record. We don't really wanna look at ourselves that much.

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by
Jane Tilly

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The Vancouver Folk Festival provides an opportunity for the gathering of a wide range of musicians from all over the world, from the well-known to the damn near unheard of—and, thanks to the organisers' "policy" of equality of representation, this year there was a large number of women artists at the Festival, all doing very different things. I got to talk to three fairly diverse acts....

LILLIAN ALLEN



My most surreal memory of the Folk Festival was seeing Lillian Allen on stage hosting a workshop, in a huge green raincape, beneath the pouring icy rain, giving an ass-kicking rendition of "Riddim an' Hardtimes" to an enthusiastic but soggy crowd. Jamaican born, now living in Toronto, Lillian Allen is a poet and social critic: together with the Revolutionary Tea Party, she puts out some fine dub reggae.

Discorder: How do you feel about the race riots that took place in Halifax recently?

Lillian Allen: Well it's not a recent thing, I think this has been going on and on. People have always demanded a certain amount of change, serious structural change. Basically very little has happened. The position of Black folks in Halifax is one of the worst you can imagine, in terms of the economic and the power situation and in terms of the opportunities that are open to Black people. But the community remains vital and vibrant and full of life, so it's not unusual that you should have some kind of response. People get so bottled in and so frustrated because of both the inaction of the Federal Government to even acknowledge that racism exists in inner cities and is strong in Canada and because of the other hokey little governments that basically buffer up their bureaucracy and their own pockets. It was just a matter of time before something was going to spill out on to the streets. What's interesting about Halifax is that the police took the young Black people into custody for their own protection, instead of looking up the thugs who I'm sure initiated it and who will continue to beat up Black folks just for a game.

Discorder: Do you think the government will actually take some action now that this has come to a head?

Lillian: Basically, governments in this country don't do anything until something happens to some building or some property: that's the only time you see some action. That has been the history of the States and wherever people are op-

pressed. They think they can talk and put people down and so on, but in terms of moving ahead and making some meaningful change, the government isn't interested. They want to keep things the way they are—to have a strong labour pool and a group of people they can treat less than human and make a lot of money off of.

Discorder: Have you met with much racist opposition within the music industry?

Lillian: The music industry is built on racism—and sexism too. Black music is like the basis of the commercial music industry. Yet in terms of any real power or money, Black musicians are excluded—particularly in Canada. We see that in the way that music is played: we know in the history of rock and roll that when White folks started playing it they were covering the hard-earned created tunes of Black folks. That tradition carries on into what we call appropriation these days, where you have White musicians playing "World Beat" or "World" music and not having a clue about the culture from which this music comes. If you look at those videos on TV they uphold the American Dream: right, bright, downright white, with the idea that there are all kinds of material things attainable if you're sexy.

Discorder: You've done some work in video yourself.

Lillian: I've made one small tape. A five minute tape, with the National Film Board, based on one of my poems called "Unnatural Causes."

Discorder: Did it get much airplay?

Lillian: It got a little bit. Basically it challenges the status quo, it aims to

expose the underlife of society and the reality of people's lives and aims to locate the power and the plenty.

Discorder: Do you think things have changed for you as a woman in the music industry now that you're more prominent?

Lillian: Well, in terms of the voice of women in general, there's an incredible amount of exclusion. It's incredible that out of all the hundreds of albums that are recorded you can't turn on your radio and hear it played: there is no reason for that. In terms of structural barriers, what the radio stations will play, what the people who fund videos will fund, what they will put on a stage... nothing has changed really.

Discorder: You read a poem by Louise Bennett, could you tell me about her?

Lillian: Louise Bennett is what I consider one of the most significant figures of the 20th century. She went ahead and burst open a few doors and made a whole new space. She basically gave the Jamaican and the West Indian populations permission to be themselves and to express themselves in their cultural form. She wrote in the language of the Jamaican people even though she was formally trained in England and had some big degrees behind her name. She travelled around Jamaica and read her poetry—she's a household name in Jamaica. Yet she had very little recognition: when they do anthologies of Jamaican writing or British writing she doesn't get mentioned, or if she does, it's like a little aside. If you didn't have someone like Louise Bennett you wouldn't have had someone like Bob Marley, or someone like me, not in this country...she made it possible for people like me to emerge.

Discorder: You've had poetry published yourself.

Lillian: Yeah, my first book, *Riddim an' Hard Times*, came out in 1982. And out now, I have some poetry for young people and the young of heart. One of the things I'm learning, now I [that] have a daughter, is that young people are full human beings. We have to make our work and so on accessible to them, so that they have an understanding of social reality, so that they can learn from an early age and take some kind of responsibility and in fact, realise that they have an obligation to work towards some kind of positive change.

Discorder: How was the children's concert that you did here at the festival?

Lillian: Well, there were as many adults in the audience as children... but it went really well, I had fun, and I think a good time was had by all!

SENSIBLE FOOTWEAR



Sensible Footwear are three women who, for the past decade, have been trying to "redress the balance" between the sexes—or, at least, point out some of the inconsistencies in the ways men and women are "supposed" to behave. Through songs, skits and their own particularly blunt humour, Alex Dallas, Alison Field and Wendy Vouden mercilessly take the piss out of our "little foibles." Check them out at the Vancouver Fringe Festival in September—and be prepared for a few spunkhome truths.

Discorder: So how did Sensible Footwear begin?

Alison: We aren't theatrically or musically trained, we taught ourselves to do it by doing it. We got together because we all answered ads in *Time Out* magazine in London—someone was trying to put an act together for a girl's festival—so it started as a hobby, a community project that grew.

Discorder: Do you get much feedback from your audiences?

Alison: No two audiences respond in the same way: here, for instance, the first audience were very politicised and enthusiastic and the second lot were a bit more gob-smacked by it.

Discorder: Have you ever had to play a working men's club or other all male audience?

Wendy: Yes, we've done our share of that. We've played Miners' Welfare, a male prison, boys' schools...

Alex: Actually what's worse is playing to an all-female audience because all of those women want you to say precisely what they want to hear, so that can be much more frightening in a way.

Alison: There's more of a disappointment factor—if you have an all-male audience, chances are they're expecting not to like it and then they might find it's actually accessible and entertaining.

Discorder: Your humour is fairly well below the belt at times, how did that come about? Did you decide that it

was the most direct way to get to people?

Wendy: I think it's important when you're looking at the kind of issues and ideas that we look at to entertain people while you do it or people will just switch off—they'll just say "Oh God, it's just those women moaning on" which is exactly what they want to think. I think if you sort of shock them into acknowledging that these other ideas exist, you stand a chance of making an impression—we know we're not going to change people's views in half an hour, but we're presenting a viewpoint that isn't often aired. We want to try and even things out a bit and entertain people at the same time... I think that making people laugh is one of the best ways of getting through.

Discorder: What in particular do you want to see changed within society and do you think you can change it?

Alison: We want the ideas to be aired—often people are unfamiliar with them. We enjoy being filthy, because women often aren't expected or encouraged or allowed to talk in that way about sex or about bodily functions and people do find it shocking still. We don't want any of this coyness or prissiness. And we'd hate to be bland!

Discorder: You've sort of reversed the traditional roles of male comics dumping on women, was that a deliberate strategy?

Alex: When we started we were much more insecure about performance, we

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KATHLEEN YEARWOOD



I first heard of Kathleen Yearwood when someone called and requested something by her—which we didn't have...I was pleased to see she was coming to the festival so I could see what it was that prompted someone to call CiTR on a wet Wednesday morning. Well, she performed first in one of the workshops—unaccompanied apart from her own clapping—and put her whole body into a song about a friend who died in prison. Later, she did a concert backed by her band, Cheval de Guerre, giving a hard-rocking edge to a traditional French song. Her music ranges from the traditional—with original arrangements—to her own songs of personal experience, injustice and pain, which are often downright experimental. Yearwood and Cheval de Guerre will be performing at the Commodore on September 6, a Friday.

used to say "Oh, we can't say x y z about men because it might alienate them and they might not like it," whereas now we go "Let's write that, they'll really hate it" or "Yeah, that'll really upset people" and we enjoy it—just because we're so much more confident as performers.

Wendy: And we know that we can justify these things. If you know why you're doing something then it doesn't matter if people don't like it or take exception to it. It's if you're uncertain of what your line is or what you're trying to say, that's when you're on unsteady ground.

Disorder: You have songs about safe sex and the tradition of pumping pills into women: is women's health or rather women's medicine something which particularly bugs you?

Allison: We're all very aware of women's health issues—through our own experience generally. I think that "male medicine," which is what it tends to be even now, tends to treat women's bodies and women's mental health in a very flippant way—which does make me very angry.

Wendy: Despite all the publicity about safe sex, people still don't seem to take it on board—especially the heterosexual community. It seems like the gay community has not made significant inroads into educating people.

Disorder: How have you found touring with Attila the Stockbroker?

Disorder: He draws a crowd that we wouldn't normally attract and vice versa.

Allison: We've been described by journalists as a chalk and cheese combination. Obviously some of his audience hates what we do and some of our audience hates what he does, but mostly people are pleasantly surprised and it's sort of nice to force yourself on an audience.

Disorder: You put a lot of emotion or anger into your singing, it must take a lot of guts to "bare your soul."

Kathleen Yearwood: I just decided at a certain point that everybody was hiding too much. I've experienced a lot of prejudice because of where I'm coming from—I live in poverty, I'm a sexual assault survivor and this is the reason I think the way I do. I think it was with "Gynecologue" that I thought "OK, let's just talk about this." It was really frightening because what happens when you come out and talk about things that no one else talks about is that there's the possibility that people will just reject you. When I made the first record, the guy who recorded it said "People don't want to hear this stuff." I don't think that's true, I think there's a whole bunch of people like me who will sit there, saying nothing, and then say "Finally someone has told it like it is."

Disorder: Have you met with much opposition from audiences?

Kathleen: Never, but band members sometimes flip out! They're all guys and sometimes they don't want to stand on stage with me saying those things. It doesn't look good to their friends (laughs)—they say "Hey why'd you hang out with her, she's weird!"

Disorder: When did you meet up with the band (Cheval de Guerre)?

Kathleen: They're all from Edmonton: they're just people who want to play with me. We've been through a lot of personnel changes and personality crises.

Disorder: You do some solo work as well, do you prefer one more than the other?

Kathleen: No. There are some songs I'd never do with the band. Then I write stuff specifically for the band, so they can get their yaya's out. I wanted to play with women, or at least have half and half, but the closest city to where I live is Edmonton, which isn't exactly a

bustling metropolis and unfortunately most of the women that play leave, so I ended up playing with men.

Disorder: Where do you find inspiration?

Kathleen: I listen to music, but very rarely. I sit out on my porch at night and listen to the coyotes and the crickets. I listen all the time. For music, there are my heroes that I listen to for instruction, like Rammann Krishnan, Kiri Te Kanawa, singers mostly, and then music from all over the world. I don't ever put time aside to listen unless it's to learn something. I don't ever have music on in the

background and I don't listen to pop music. I listen to CBC for company and it's kept my sanity at times, like when I've been really isolated. So I get my fill of Canadian pop and that keeps me writing too—sort of negative encouragement! It's so unfair, you know, when people listen to pop music, what do they have to choose from: there's some incredibly great stuff and then there's just some pap. You have to give people a choice, a wide choice.

Disorder: I found your song "Universal Incest" really powerful, because the vocals are so beautiful and the subject is so harrowing, is that deliberate?

Kathleen: Absolutely. We have also a traditional French song, about marriage: the vocals are really sweet and high and it's done over a raunchy guitar-drum thing. So you end up somewhere in between the sweetness and a horrible tirade. It "expands your mind" trying to listen to 2 things at once or entertain 2 thoughts at the same time. It's a good brain exercise.

Disorder: You talk about stepping out of your class and rejecting the facade of society. What prompted that?

Kathleen: I was trying to figure it out...It was because I saw inconsistencies when I was young and I'd go to people that I thought would know and they'd either tell me to shut up or they'd lie to me. I always had friends from other classes and backgrounds: I never had anything to say to the kids in the white, middle-class neighbourhood where my parents lived. Other people always seemed a lot more honest—they were allowed to complain about things rather than just pretending things were alright...You know, the thing about incest victims is that they spend 24 hours a day of their energy just trying to stay alive. It's like

a psychic pain, like having all your limbs cut off and living with that pain every day and never having anyone notice it. That's something that has to come out publicly. Victims expect too much of themselves and then other people expect too much of them. You have to deal with a world of people who are not handicapped. You have to jump the chasm and go across and talk about it until there's a change and some form of support...The welfare people gave me 6 months disability—somehow I don't think I'm going to be over this in 6 months—I know it's a long time (laughs).

Disorder: You also mentioned that you'd done a lot of prison visiting...

Kathleen: Yeah, well my brother was in jail so I was prison family and they treated me like I was some kind of criminal. I figured that if they didn't respect me as a citizen then I had no respect for the citizenship and the rights it supposedly bequeaths me. I did advocacy, but it mainly consisted of telling someone's mother "remember who you are and that these prison people are your employees and if they don't give you an adequate answer, don't give in." So then these 60-year-old women would go in there and just start kicking butt!

Disorder: So do you have plans for another record?

Kathleen: Yeah, we're just starting recording it—going into debt. I'm doing it at a place in Edmonton called the Works, because I like the engineer. It's hard to find men I can work with. There's not a recording studio that I know of that's run by women. The first guy I worked with was really difficult, he wouldn't listen to me: it was like I had to have a man repeat what I said for it to be heard. It was like I was mute.



Now of course I'm not advocating that anyone should go out of their way to do drugs. Heavens! However, many of you will probably find yourselves in situations where (unlike the liquid courage aspect of alcohol) you have unleashed the anti-social powers of chemicals into your person and are now faced with dealing with it in public—be it at a Skytrain station or the PNE Coliseum. There is a fine line between acquiring an emotional scar for the next five to ten years and having one fine evening. And the difference is all in how 'together' you appear to those around you.

STEP ONE: FORTITUDE

Yes, in today's fast paced life-style it is hard to tell where you're going to be two hours ahead of the present. Drugs, like clothing and money, must suit the occasion both in amount and style. You don't want to be in a place of high congestion when your prone to vomiting and you also don't want to find yourself alone in a dark place when your suffering from a paranoid delusion that bugs are everywhere (unless you like and feel comfortable with it, and don't have more stuff that the cops could find).

STEP TWO: COPS

Oh shit, you can barely grasp what's going on outside during your wild mental festival let alone deal with the two blue uniforms and regulation moustaches staring at you. What do you do?

a) **STAY COOL.** Animals can smell fear and they naturally understand the impulse to a challenge situation. Stare back and remember a smile never hurt anybody.

b) **MAKE TRACKS.** Why be obvious? Besides, you'll probably find something else to focus your entire attentions on the minute you turn your head.

c) **PRETEND TO KNOW THEM.** All they really want is a little attention.

The correct answer is of course "b", since the users of this guide probably do not have enough hands on savvy to handle "a" or "c". Plus you never know when one of them will sprout a second head and throw you right off. Be Yourself. Run Away, run away, run far awayyy.

STEP THREE: ENDURANCE

If the substance you're abusing happens to be something you need to replenish often, how, when and where are you going to do it is important. Some people get a better rush off of doing

drugs in public places, y'know kind of old age homes. Ideal situations are:

1) **Language classes**—the prof usually has their back to you because they are hovering over an overhead projector and the lights are down low. Just prop your binder up and act pensive.

2) **Public Washrooms**—North America can always be counted on for being too anal retentive to disturb anyone taking a 15 minute shit. Just drop a pebble or two in the toilet and grunt if you think things are getting suspicious.

3) **7-11 Parking Lots**—give me convenience or give me death, just don't try and sell anything here.

The back alleys along Granville are a definite no-no, we're talking 'the suicide mission.' Just ask anyone who went to see the Fuck-Ups at the Crucel Elegant.

STEP FOUR: APPEARANCE No, dark glasses and a tie-die Ralph Steadman shirt are not that good of an idea. But tattooing black X's on your fist is a little extreme and the people that are out to persecute you won't understand it anyway. We have already established that you don't want to attract too much attention to yourself, unless you are starting a revolution. In which case **FUCK YOU!** You should be totally straight, this ain't the sixties, so what are you trying to prove?!

FASHION TIPS

KIDS UNDER TWELVE EAT FREE: have a couple of children, maybe even a dog, with you. By golly, it's foolproof, and kids tend to behave themselves more in exchange for the pleasure of hanging out with someone who is "being bad."

EXOTIC PETS: a ferret, whistle pig, a monkey... only hermits on the Toronto subway who desperately want people to talk to them lug these funky companions around with them.

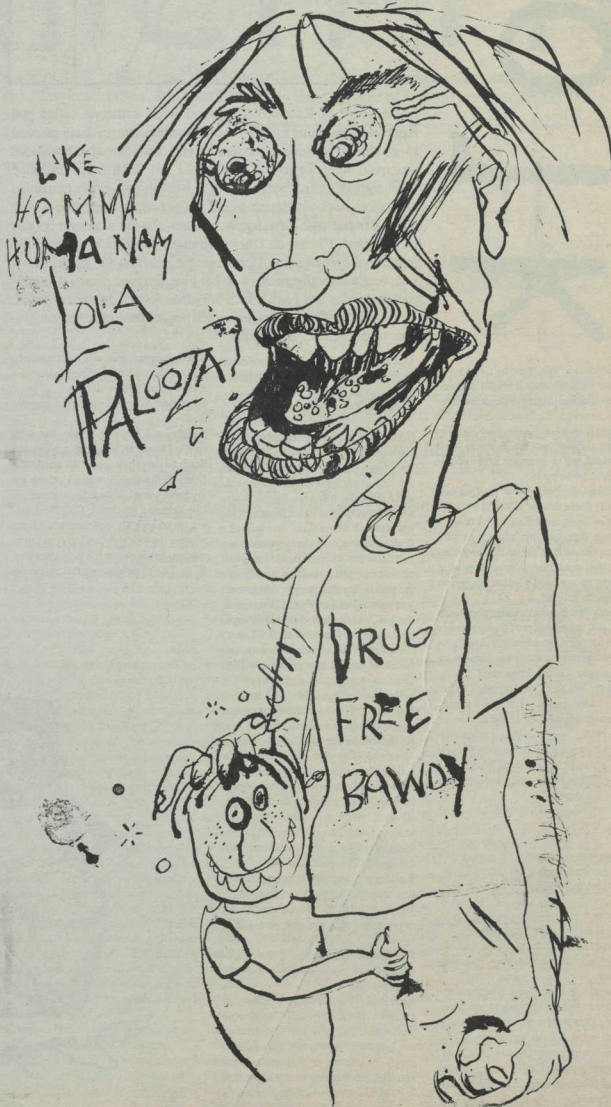
If you have one, the general public assumes that you have an empty life and everyone leaves you alone except for teenage girls that are probably taking the same things you are. Expensive, inhumane, totally simple.

"DRUGS FREE BODY" or **"REALLY ME" T-Shirts**

And last, but not least, avoid asking questions like "Where is Lollapalooza?" or doing other things that tend to make one look lost and misguided. Have fun, stay sick, and remember "When in Doubt, Eat It."

Doing Drugs in Public Places

By Redd McJann



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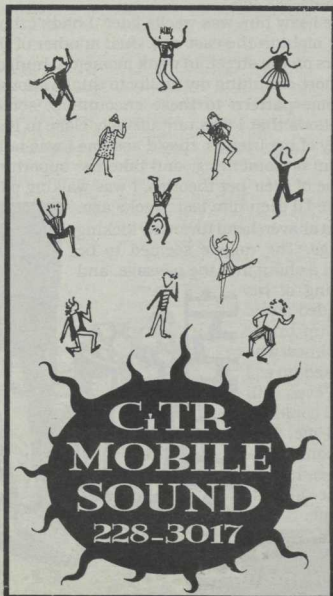
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**the cruel
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sun sept 1 is a special all-ages afternoon show starting \$3.30
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BREAK: there will be the same line-up for the evening show for adults only... doors @ 8. bus3 those no-cover artists are back JEF w/ MOTHER TRUCKER wed 4 an evening of very high energy rock JUSTY NAILS w/ CATS GAME Thurs 5 PLANET OF SPIDERS w/ THE WORST M 6 back to school special featuring MICKEY CHRIST w/ PASTE w/ CLUSTER FUX (actual order unknown) sat 7 which came first-issac or alex? and out with CHRIS HOUSTON AND HIS EVIL TWANG featuring ex-DOA rhythm dudes and a guest guitarist. alex vary? art beigmman? randy bachmann? sun 8 in a california comes WEDGEHOP w/ spoken word poetry performances wed 11 SHINE w/ THE INDECEIVES thurs 12 a very groovy night of seattle rock HIPPIY BIG BUCKLE w/ THE SAPIENS w/ LADY JUS O'CENTY sat 14 power pop punk 64 FUNNY CARS w/ seattle's LUKE RAIN sun 15 an almost open stage for a spoken word/poetry night at last. jues 17 the fringe festival's volunteer appreciation night w/ live rock's rock bands wed 18 victoria's only SHOW BUSINESS GIANTS w/ only in victoria could come THE VINEGRETTS thurs 19 from san fran women that rock w/ OVARIAN TROLLEY w/ SUGAR BOOM and also from seattle is SORE JACKSON M 20 did you say melones grande? GORILLA GO-BELLA with special surprise guests sat 21 a night of total insanity. cross-border weirdness THE SARCASTIC MANNEQUINS w/ western washington's THE SQUIRRELS sun 22 a very heavy night-first three words: 9 POUND HAMMER, and one word: TANKS. not for the squeemish! wed 25 is a special benefit show for the good old highly-underrated environment: phone for details thurs 26 wee have a surprise headline act w/ SISTER LOVERS M 27 wow a killer night of frenzied pop-punk explosions THE SWEATERS w/ THE TOUCH N' GOS two bands that the US press is singing high praise of but the 'van press are ignoring' guess they're not as good as loveboy oh well but that's not all from victoria B.U.M. sat 28 from minneapolis the BONE CLUB w/ san fran's HITTING BIRTH and on sun 29 political folk-rock that is about to sweep the nation from san. fran THE BEDLAM ROVERS also!! a new menu is in the works (also cheaper stuff and no cover before 8 or so; so come on down for dinner and dip it.....
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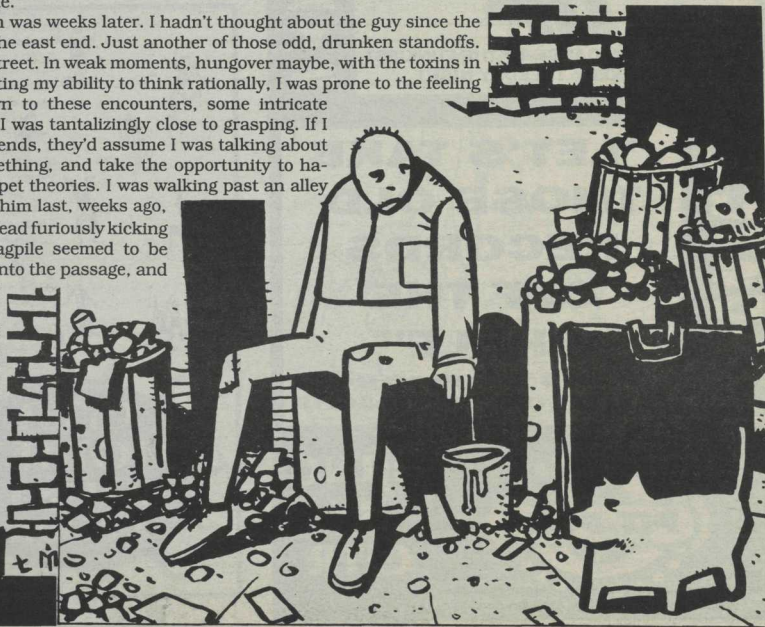
HELP!!! by Christopher Kovacs

He was in the alley behind the bar when I first saw him, wedged between a couple of graffitied dumpsters. The smell was enough to turn the stomach, but I wondered later if most of the stink wasn't old pies left by college boys unable to hold it until the next toilet. We were loading the gear into the back of the van, and I was stuck with a particularly heavy amp. I'd put it down to rub the strap marks on my palms, and when I glanced to the left, there he was, ragged and dusty, all stubble and red eyes. Those motionless eyes held me for a second, but the drummer came limping out with the rest of his kit, and I broke away to heave the amp into the van. I circled around the far side afterwards, so that I wouldn't pass in front of the dumpsters again. Inside, I told the guitarist about the bum, wondering prettily if we should try and help him out somehow, but he came back in after a few seconds, saying, "There's nobody out there, man."

We used to have arguments about passing out coin in the street. A few of the wits avowed that they'd flip a buck to a beggar only if he swore it was for booze, not the perennial "coffee." Others refused only the punks with \$200 leathers or punkettes with impeccable make-up and hairdye. Some would give only to the panhandlers who did something, no matter how sad and desperate, like the Old Guy With The Hat by the Royal Bank whose soft shoe routine consisted only of a few almost indistinguishable, exhausted shuffles. I've always been inconsistent. It depends mostly on my mood — happy or drunk or miserable, I'll shower coin like beads of sweat, most other times, forget it. My more socially concerned acquaintances attack this behavior as indefensible. I agree, and refuse to attempt to defend it.

The next time we saw him, we were drunk, Sean and Larry and I, and for some reason I knew immediately that it was the same guy. Same tattered clothing, same demonic and doe-like eyes. It was on one of the backstreets down in the east end. He was sitting on a doorstep, leaning back into the jamb, ignoring the few people still scuttling from bar to bar. I stopped in front of him, emboldened by the booze, and assumed me best generic-50's-actor voice. "Say, haven't I seen you somewhere before?" He looked at me with this terrible dignity, closed his eyes and nodded twice, then opened them and said "Yeah." And there it was again. I was rooted in front of this guy. It wasn't as dramatic as all that — I stood there, smoking, feeling the fullness of my bladder, maybe even tapping my toe a bit, but I couldn't leave until something more had passed between us. Larry and Sean were fidgeting in the fringes of my peripheral vision, smoking a joint or something, but I stood and waited. The bum sat there motionless, looking at me. I could hear the streetlight buzzing behind me, and a siren far off, walling in rhythm with music from a bar down the street. The bastard wouldn't say anything. He wouldn't ask me.

The last time I saw him was weeks later. I hadn't thought about the guy since the Morning After that night in the east end. Just another of those odd, drunken standoffs. Random encounters on the street. In weak moments, hungover maybe, with the toxins in my bloodstream short-circuiting my ability to think rationally, I was prone to the feeling that there was some pattern to these encounters, some intricate network of connections that I was tantalizingly close to grasping. If I mentioned it to any of my friends, they'd assume I was talking about God or determinism or something, and take the opportunity to harangue me with one of their pet theories. I was walking past an alley near the spot where I'd seen him last, weeks ago, and saw a kid with a shaven head furiously kicking at a bundle of rags. The ragpile seemed to be bleeding. I ran with a shout into the passage, and after one last swing of his boot, the kid bounded away. Even as I rushed up to the bloodied old man, I knew who it would be. He looked up as I bent over him, and even with the blood and pain I could tell that he recognized me. This time there was no contest between us, and before I could say anything, he asked, "Help," he said to me.





MIND EXPANSION

for the WHY BOTHER? GENERATION

by
JULES KILLAM



If you stick a stock of liquor in your locker,
It is slick to stick a lock upon your stock.
Or some joker who is slicker's going to trick you of your liquor,
If you fail to lock your liquor with a lock.
-Anonymous

I've had about nine coffees since I woke up yesterday afternoon and my hands are starting to betray me.

Holy shit, I can think clearly though...

So let's talk about drugs. Drugs. When you say it you've gotta vocally underline it. It sounds better with a Mid-England accent too. So say it like that. Drugs.

The baby-boomers really fucked up the drug experience. (Sex too. It's getting harder to find cheap, easy sex these days.) They went about it all wrong. They used it just as an escape from the dull, useless lives they led. We're not going to do that. We'll do it right.

With what? There's always alcohol. The recompense previous generations left us because they fucked up. But really, now. What good is it? One St. Patty's day in high school I polished off just shy of a fifth of whiskey on my own. My friends who could give a better account of it say I was standing straight and could even pronounce my own name. As I said not much good, eh?

That, and Canadians, on the whole, drink the worst stuff. All right, there are

others out there fond of 100-proof vodka straight up. Nothing wrong with that is there? But most people aren't. By the time they're old enough to drink legally, people have acquired a taste for beer or shit mixes. A couple years later they've sworn off the "hard stuff" (excuse me but dribbles of alcohol nicked from their parents and mixed with Kool-aid does not count as "hard stuff") so they're left with beer.

North American beer is probably the most foul beverage on earth. Lite beer with few calories, the colour and consistency of bison piss, and all the taste of watered-down turpentine. Hardly fabulous stuff. Maybe if it was that black, poisonous, overproof European type that melts furniture it would be okay but it isn't so it's not.

If you are one of the aforementioned type of drinkers you could try mixing drinks. I don't mean that shit you dump in the blender with ice and fruit, I mean real drinks. Pick up a book like Mr. Boston's Official Bartender's Guide. A lot of people say the recipes make strong drinks but they're just a fine strength if you're not some poof-ter.

But there are much better ways to blow your mind. I mean, um...uh, expand your horizons. Sex is a great way of going about it but too often you need a partner so it's a bit more difficult to come by (pardon the pun). Cigarettes work, but for the price and the huge volume necessary they're really not worth it.

Besides, there's a billion wankers sitting at the next table who whine and cry and shit their shorts if you light up so it just ain't worth it.

You could become a Trekkie/Trekker. (I can't see the difference, can you see the difference? No, there's no difference!) Very amusing and much interesting, but, to sit down and watch both series without commercials and the movies too requires something like 5 days straight. Even I go a bit queer in the head with that little sleep. Plus, Vulcan ears look really dumb on fully 99% of the population. I suspect that throwing up in a punch bowl is a better way to discover the meaning of life.

School must be mentioned. As a mind-expansion tool it's as futile as the LSD your parents used to take. Per semester at college, if I garner one sole, wee snippet of useful information, it can be counted as time well-spent.

Not to say that school is utterly useless. If anything it's almost as effective an excuse to avoid real work as is pursuing

ing a music career. But the best way to learn anything from school is to chat with the teachers on coffee breaks. Especially the ones who go outside for a smoke. These people are fons of the most unusable information you wouldn't dare voice in front of your own parents. Plus they always have a miraculous collection of jokes.

But, at a few hundred dollars every four months is it quite worth the price? Uh-uh, I think not. You can achieve the same effect by taking a bunch of friends to Bino's in the wee small hours of the morning and drinking lots of coffee.

Every single popular drug from the 60's through the 80's is useless. No matter how fuckin'-A that reefer is, it's not going to do anything interesting to your mind.

Cocaine. Now there's a real brilliant drug. I really wanna feel aggressive, paranoid and impotent.

Anything that you have to inject into your body is pretty well a waste. Of course the track marks on your arm are a pretty accurate display of how far your brain is melting.

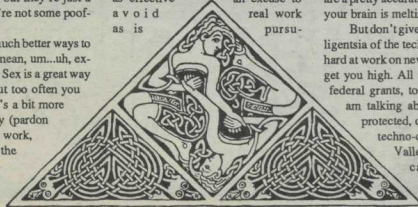
But don't give up hope. The intelligentsia of the technology industry is hard at work on new, improved way to get you high. All with the benefit of federal grants, too. Yes, Virginia, I am talking about those, pocket-protected, calculator-carrying, techno-dweebs of Silicon Valley who like coining catchphrases like "multimedia". The avant-garde

of high technology are the vanguard of high flying. From digitized hallucinations to teledildonics, these CompPhreaks are revolutionizing the way we trip. Steve Jobs, one of the two Slevies who created the Apple computer is a self-confessed erstwhile acidhead. Timothy Leary is one of the hottest tickets on the lecture circuit these days giving lectures on the melding of PC's and mind expansion. Apple Computer buys tickets for its employees to go see the Grateful Dead.

So what do these info-needs take to achieve whatever wonderful effects? Hydergine, U4ia, DMT, Ketamine, MDMA. Real hallucinogens. So new and so easily modified that legislation against them is barely enacted before they are strengthened and modified. Talk about incredible stuff. Legal (though just momentarily), with the benefits of clearing all the cranial waste of everyday life, and the ability to work a day and half without rest. These are the people who program military computers for Star Wars and Stealth Bombers. Truly heady stuff. When can we, the people, get in on this?

Oh, and on a final note, Teledildonics. As best I can tell the concept's been around a couple years. It's the ultimate in phone sex. A body suit with motion sensors and vibratory patches. Hook up with someone over the phone and enter a virtual reality sexual encounter. No diseases, no pregnancies, no-one has to sleep in the wet spot.

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King Missile

by Michael Leduc



Rock and roll is a strange game. In it you can find bands as diverse as *Godfish and Men Without Hats*, Iggy Pop and the *Alban Brothers*. Each of them could carry the banner of rock 'n' roll. They once said that rock 'n' roll is the sound of things falling apart. Figure that out one. All I know is that because they're both rock 'n' roll bands—King Missile, with three albums out on New York-based Shimmy Disc and one new album entitled *The Way to Salvation* on Atlantic, wound up opening for a local Grateful Dead cover band at 86 St. Music Hall on August 1st. I'm one of those shows I'll always remember. I'll say, "You know, I remember I saw King Missile, there were only fourteen people there and most of them were watching the Lions' game on the big screen." It's things like that that make rock 'n' roll great though.

DISCORIDER: What exactly is Shimmy Disc and what is the idea behind it?

Dave Rick: Kramer started it after first quitting Shockcity Records. He was in the Butthole Surfers for a short time but he wanted to get off the road. This studio came real cheap. He wouldn't let anybody put out his records so he decided to put them out himself. The first two were *Bongwater* and *B.A.L.L.*, King Missile was actually the third Shimmy Disc release. So *Noisy New York*, which is the studio, and Shimmy Disc, which is the label, are all owned by Kramer. John approached him in his own fashion.

John S. Hall: I just wanted to record demo tapes. I didn't know about Shimmy Discs. There were no Shimmy Discs out at that time. So Kramer said, "New label Shimmy Disc. If you give me the money, I'll put it out on the label." So I gave him all the money.

DISCORIDER: So you paid for the recording and he paid for the pressing.

John: No, I paid for everything, including the tape.

Dave: In those days Kramer was trying to make direct money from the studio. For the most part, unless it directly involved him playing on it, you have to pay for it.

DISCORIDER: So what you get is what you get.

Dave: Yeah, exactly. For the most part the situation has worked out because most records sell 2 or 3000 copies. King Missile and *Bongwater* have sold more than that, *Gwar* also. So *Gwar* left the label. King Missile left the label and, well, *Bongwater* is Kramer's band.

DISCORIDER: So does everyone in all of these bands know each other?

John: Not really. I don't know the *Gwar* people.

Dave: I've met them once. I met John by playing with *Bongwater* and I met Kramer before that because he saw me play in a band called *Phantom Tollbooth*. He needed a guitarist so he asked me to join *Bongwater*.

DISCORIDER: How did the Atlantic deal happen? Did you pursue that or...?

John: Well, we were sending tapes to various labels last year. There was an A&R person at Atlantic records who liked us so within a few months we had a deal.

Dave: We had decided to leave Shimmy Disc; we had sold a pile of records and had not seen any money from them even though we had been getting a lot of airplay.

John: Actually we hadn't sold that many

records, by Shimmy Disc standards we had, but considering "Jesus was Way Cool" was a number one college hit we weren't selling that many records. It discouraged me that we could make these popular records that weren't getting out to the people.

DISCORIDER: Do you feel Atlantic will give you the push that will help you sell more records?

John: It wasn't even a matter of getting the proper push, what I was looking for was distribution, just getting the record into stores, and they've been doing that.

DISCORIDER: What do you feel about all these formally independent bands like *Dinosaur Jr.*, *Screaming Trees*, *Babes in Toyland*, etc., being signed to major labels?

Dave: Times are changing, a little for the better and a little for the worse.

DISCORIDER: Do you think that majors are going to bother hanging onto bands that sell less than 100,000 records?

John: I think that some labels will and some won't. I don't think Atlantic will quit, frankly. It's hard to say, I don't see that *Eleventh Day Dream* is in any great trouble and they haven't been selling nearly 100,000 records. Their second record did about what their first one did, and Atlantic seems satisfied with that.

Dave: It's a matter of expectations; it's a matter of what kind of profits people need; it's a matter of what kind of money goes out for it.

John: There was talk that major labels would change. They would wait for four or five years for an act to develop and just not pour as much money in right away. Just wait longer for the bigger pay off, just give it a few years. I'm not sure if that's going to happen or not.

Dave: They kept *Eleventh Day Dream* but they dropped *Rodd Kross*.

John: Yeah, but that's different. *Rodd Kross* is like that old style where you dump far too much money in.

Dave: Yeah, yeah. Anyway, we like the people we deal with in the alternative department.

John: It's just a matter of

whether the higher ups know how to deal with it. If one label decides to drop its alternative marketing division chances are that the others would follow suit. But the success of bands like *REM* and *Sonic Youth* make it that much easier for us, and any alternative band that sells over 100,000 copies help us out.

DISCORIDER: Do you feel that it restricts you at all being on a major label with regards to what you can or cannot put out?

John: I don't see any evidence of restriction in *REM* or *Sonic Youth* or *Screaming Trees*. I think the bands that make the mistake are the ones that decide to change musically. If you're not a commercial act you shouldn't make commercial tell-tale music.

DISCORIDER: I'll agree with you on that point, but what I'm getting at is whether you could put a song like "Double Fucked by Two Black Studs" on an album at this stage of the game.

John: I don't know if I could or not, I'm not really inclined to try, but the real question is if I'm really, really angry about Government policies. Or if I want to make a blatant statement about sexual politics would I be able to get away with it? Would I get criticized? I don't know, but it also raises the point of self-censorship where there's something in the back of my mind that might think "Oh, I'm not going to get away with this" and that's my problem and it's something I may break out of and maybe I won't. So far I haven't felt frustrated or censored. I feel like I'm able to do what I want. I am also aware that I have the opportunity to go to indie labels with stuff that is way out there. This makes me feel less tempted to want to do it or a major because there are other outlets for me to do so.

DISCORIDER: Unlike other singers you seal your lyrics rather than sing them. Are you going to be doing more of that, or are you trying to get away from that?

John: No, I won't be getting away from that. That's the easiest most natural thing forms to do. I think I lack the patience to write songs, you know, to write things that rhyme. I want to say what I want to say and I don't want to spend a lot of time figuring out how to make it fit into a typical metrical rhyming structure. If something like "Scotland," which is a simple ditty, occurs to me I'm not going to reject it just because it rhymes and it's metrically even. I do prefer to do things that sound more conversational.

DISCORIDER: Do you find that the people who come to your shows know what you're talking about? Is there something that is revealed to them when they see live as opposed to listening to your records?

John: It seems to me that if there are some things [that] weren't highlighted on the record I can highlight them live. And also guitarists come through the live way they do on the record. Live people are probably surprised at how *Rick* can go on guitar...

DISCORIDER: What I mean really is a song like "Indians," which is quite political. Do you think that your average listener gets the message of that song or that they just say "Ha, ha, funny guy that King Missile singer!"

John: In the States anyway, I don't know how it is here in Canada, it is impossible to bring up the Indians without being political. I mean that's just the way it is.

DISCORIDER: What I mean is that the audience will just think it's a funny song rather than actually think about the meaning of it. A song like "Jesus was Way Cool" for instance.

John: Some people have a spiritual relationship with that song. They will be like "wow, that's how I feel about Jesus, he was probably really cool; it would be cool to hang out with him," the whole Jesus Christ Superstar idea. He was this human rather than what you are taught in school that Jesus was this God that you pray to the idea of Jesus as a man, some Christians find blasphemous. From "Indians" you have this idea that...you know sometimes just a simple statement of truth is political because governments tend to gloss over the truth because it suits their means. It's just a matter of politics that you want to accentuate your problem. In other words, people could say, Indians killed white people too. But it's not really relevant to what I'm talking about, which is the repression and rape of a whole tribe of people, so it is a political statement. But then "Take Stuff From Work" is a political statement. "Cheese-cake Truck" can be perceived that way. For me, the basic approach is how do I feel about something today? So my opinion about the Indians is that that was very bad of us.

For me there is no hedging about that. I would just say, no, it

was bad, it was evil, we should not have done it. I was just thinking about the war—the most recent one. A couple of people have come out and said "necessary evil, necessary evil" and my thought is that it was completely unnecessary, it was just evil!

DISCORIDER: How would you approach that idea within the context of a song?

John: I did write something about the war, but it was too of the moment, it was totally ironic, like "how great that that war only lasted a week and nobody was killed." Sort of a rag on what the government told us, and sort of pretending to believe it. I think what hurts me the most is the acceptance that most people had of it and the feeling of a lot of people that it was over. I was actually surprised by the cover of *Time* Magazine last week, "The War, was it worth it?" That's *Time*...they own Warner...they own Atlantic...That's like the conservative grandfather saying "Hey, maybe we made a mistake." This is pretty fast revisionism and maybe a sign of weakness on the part of the presidency. There's that whole thing about the CIA and the deal with the Iranians to hold the hostages until after the Carter-Reagan election. This is a big news story now and some people are hoping that it may embarrass the President out of office. That may be a pie-in-the-sky kind of dream. But these days in the States, if you want to go on living in all, you have to dream about a better political situation.

DISCORIDER: It seems like you consider yourself more of a political spokesperson or poet rather than a rock and roll frontman. How does it all fit together?

John: What I do is basically words. I'm in a band because my words get out to more people that way. The audience I want to reach is young people—most of my friends listen to more records than they read. In general, I think it is better to listen to artists rather than read them. There's more power in the voice, of say Allen Ginsberg, Immanuel Baraka, Jack Kerouac...

DISCORIDER: Burroughs?

John: Oh Burroughs! Forget it! What an incredible voice, you're losing 80% of it by only reading it. Anything you can get out of Burroughs reading or reciting stuff is just miles away better than just reading it.

DISCORIDER: So how much longer do you think you will be doing this rock and roll thing.

John: Even if our second record doesn't do well enough by Atlantic standards that wouldn't be until the middle of 1993. The band would probably stick around for a year after that to try to get something else going. So in a worst case scenario—another three years at least, but let's hope not.



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Gumball is yet another fine collection of New York grungemongers who synthesize trippy guitar noise and pop. Fronted by guitarist Don Fleming, who has also played in Dinosaur Jr., Velvet Monkeys (for over a decade), B.A.L.L., and Half Japanese, is suave and debonair, without assuming the dreaded Car Salesmen's shtick. He has also produced Sonic Youth (Thurston Moore appears on Gumball's new release, *Special Kites*), Teenage Fan Club and Hole. Bassist Eric Vermillion plays for The Stump Wizards, while drummer Jay Speigel has performed in B.A.L.L., Dinosaur Jr., and the Velvet Monkeys. Recently, Gumball stumbled into CTR's radio station during their North Amer-

some second hand record store and pick up an Iggy and the Stooges record for 50 cents, or how did it all start?

Gumball: Well, I guess it's pretty rock, yeah. Like everything we touch is rock. But to me, the Gumball record is a little more pop than a lot of the other stuff we've done.

Discorder: Wasn't there a formative time in your adolescence when you decided, "Hey man, I don't want to work in a McDonald's, I want to be a rock and roll star."

Gumball: Back then... Well, when I was in high school my room looked like this room with all these records in it. I had a lot of records and I listened to a lot of music, so there wasn't really

record it, don't worry about it. Now it's really changed. A lot of bands are going to go straight to major labels. I think a lot of them that are getting picked up by major labels, make a couple records, and then, after spending a lot of money, the label just lets them slip.

Discorder: What's the real Dinosaur Jr. story?

Gumball: Who?

Discorder: What happened?

Gumball: We were in the band, we were out of the band.

Discorder: So is this guy tough to work with or what?

Gumball: He's no tougher to work with than we are to work with. I mean, we've gone through more people than he has. He'd

All these indies are playing in the major market now, which is good in a way. It's not like regular indies, it's creating something else—maybe just new-style indies. A real indie is some geek who gets enough money together to get a single put out. I think we should get back to that.

Discorder: What do you think about bootlegs?

Gumball: I'll always like bootlegs from the archivists' point of view. I'll listen to a Hendrix bootleg but not The Grateful Dead. I think the people that are buying the bootlegs are buying the artists' legitimate records anyway.

Discorder: I'm thinking more about a band like Sonic Youth or Mudhoney or bands that proba-

the most part. I went over to Liverpool and did their new album.

Discorder: How does it feel to be a darling of the British press?

Gumball: Yeah, but the backlash has already started. We had backlash on the first tour with people giving us crappy press. Some posters that were put up said that we had been in Dinosaur Jr., or played with people in Sonic Youth, and these reviewers are getting on us. It just gets a little aggravating when we've had press about it and, of course, we had nothing to do with it in the first place. How can you defend yourself? You can't. You just have to let it go through.

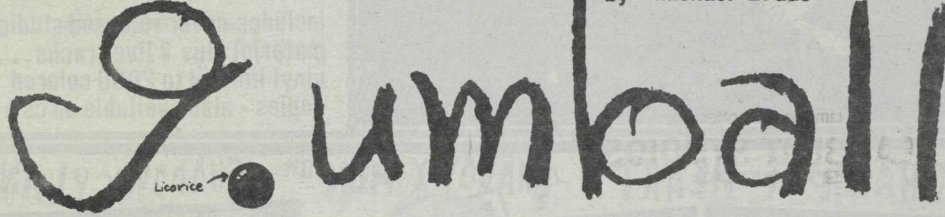
Discorder: How does a guy like myself get into this scene man?

got it. This is the best way to meet people, up close and personal. We're meeting people every day. We love it. Then we're going over to Europe to East Germany to do our first East Berlin show. That should be hot. Then back to the U.K. and we'll check out the backlash press this time. In fact, there's some talk of us doing a tour with EMF in October. I think they have to be joking.

Discorder: What do you think of all these British bands coming over here and drinkin' our liquor, screwin' our women...

Gumball: I hate it. I think we should be able to shoot them all as soon as they get through the gate. Touring America is the worst thing in the world for an American band, but English

by Michael Leduc



ican tour, where they met up with fellow-grunger Michael Leduc.

Discorder: I've heard rumours of a legendary band called the Velvet Monkeys. What was that about?

Gumball: Oh yeah, that's still going. We've had that together for about ten years at this point, with fifteen different line-ups and encompassing seventy different people. It's kinda like a party band, with a lot of people, and it's still going, although it's not really feasible as a touring band at this point. We do one show a year, so it's still happening. We're still in all those bands... Half Japanese...

Discorder: So how can you start dividing your loyalties between all this stuff?

Gumball: Well, it's confusing to everybody, but not to us. We just like to play with different people. I mean this is definitely our main band, Gumball. We go on tour for four months of the year and then record with it, so it is definitely the main thing we're doing. The nature of it rolls quite easily.

Discorder: When I listen to this Gumball record, *Special Kites*, I think of just one thing: rock and roll. What's the story behind your musical roots? Did you go into

one band that started it all. The Stooges were definitely one, Roxy Music as well, however, there were a lot of influences.

Discorder: When you guys started out in Washington there were basically two camps: there was the Go-Go scene with E.U. and then there was Bad Brains and Minor Threat. So where did you guys fit into that picture?

Gumball: It's the same now as it was then, a lot of people from both scenes were into us but we weren't part of either one of them. We did shows with Minor Threat and we did shows with E.U., but it was weird, it's kinda always been that way. It's like we're not part of a sound. To me the Gumball thing is more like the early Velvet Monkeys sound. I don't think we match too many other bands coming out of New York right now.

Discorder: What about points in-between? What do you think about the whole music scene at the moment?

Gumball: It's kinda weird at the moment, kinda bizarre sorta. I mean when we were doing Velvet Monkeys records, in the early Eighties, we never thought about talking to major labels. We didn't even want to talk to indie labels. We just wanted to rock. Maybe get out a record, maybe not, just

been playing with the Velvet Monkeys and it just seemed natural at the time to get in the band with him and do it. Doing the single was a lot of fun, but once we started practicing we realized that it was going to be too much work and we're not into rehearsing that much. We just basically like to go on and play. We're not into a precision oriented thing, and that was hard 'cause we had two drummers going.

Discorder: You had two guitarists as well.

Gumball: And no bass player, so it was fun but it was just too much like two bands playing' at the same time.

Discorder: Back to the independent thing, what about the health of the labels themselves? SUB-POP has had some problems recently, and Rough Trade too, so what does that mean to you guys?

Gumball: We feel bad and a lot of bands are definitely getting screwed by it. It means that no independent is safe. Before, with the independents, if a band could sell a lot of records they could get sorta big. Now it seems like the biggest one has faltered two years later, three years later, after selling hundreds of thousands of records, so I have to blame it on mismanagement of some sort.

ly aren't makin' so much money.

Gumball: A lot of the bootlegging is because American labels refuse to press records now, and a lot of people who want that product don't have a CD player and don't want to deal with a cassette. So someone's gotta bootleg the record that they mastered off of a CD and it's the same price as the CD. I mean, what do you expect? Of course some kid's going to buy it. It doesn't help the band, I agree, but that's something you got to expect when you get on a major, and you just gotta deal with it.

Discorder: So you're anti-CD then?

Gumball: Well... I'm not anti-CD, I'm pro-record. We're pro-8-track as well, and we brought our 8-tracks with us again.

Discorder: What do you have in your 8-track collection there?

Gumball: You name it, we've got it: Alice Cooper, Sammy Davis, Cheap Trick, Cheap Trick Live, The Carpenters, you name it.

Discorder: Don, you do things on the side as well, like production work for Teenage Fan Club.

Gumball: Yeah, I've been doing a little work on the side. Being in the studio isn't more fun than being on the road, for

There's no scene in Vancouver. Gumball: I don't know, but don't look to Seattle for a clue. Let me tell ya, come to New York. You just gotta pull up those roots and head down the old trail, the old trail of life. It seems to me what starts the scene is a couple of bands that somehow get big either because they are very good, they tour a lot, or they get a lot of hype. You guys are ripe for it. You got any good bands here? The Smugglers... **Discorder:** The Smugglers, yeah, they're sorta very sixties. There's some very good bands in town, it just seems to be very directionless at the moment.

Gumball: Well, is there a label in town?

Discorder: There are a couple sprouting up.

Gumball: Well there you go. You have to make your own fate, like in *Terminator II*. You have to make your own fate, so do it. But anyhow, we're going to California, we're going to Texas, then we're going to Grace-land. We're not playin' there, just distributing there.

Discorder: Is this that rock and roll thing? Is this what it's all about: in a band headed across the country playin' tapes, playin' in gigs?

Gumball: You got it dude, you

bands just go crazy and people here just think it's the greatest thing. The thing there is that the bands are the flavour of the week. *The Melody Maker* can make or break you, it's just a real different scene there.

Discorder: Proportionately, would you say you sell more records over there than here?

Gumball: Yes.

Discorder: Is it twice as many?

Gumball: Well, right now it's been about equal, which has been very surprising over here. We're selling a lot more over here than we thought we would, 'cause we haven't toured that much. In the last few years, we've done 6 or 7 tours in Europe and 2 in America. Both of those were set up opening for Sonic Youth. Otherwise, we would never have gotten them. This is the first one we're doing by ourselves.

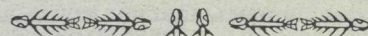
Discorder: So, what is it with this Beat Happening, man. There are people that just love them and there are people that just hate them.

Gumball: You love them or you hate them, there's no middle ground. They opened a few gigs for Fugazi and, like them, you're either into their shit or not. It's sort of an acquired taste. I love them 'cause they know what rock is and roll's all about.



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FISHBONE

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The Reality of My Surroundings is Fishbone's sixth release in their 13 year existence and the first showcasing the relationship between the band. Although *the band* is no stranger to producers, Artists, and notably, Norwood Fisher's work on The Red Hot Chili Peppers' *Now My Way*, it took a lot of convincing before Columbia would let Fishbone produce this record. But Fishbone was given a chance that almost all bands never get. Since their conception they've had the support of a major label and the past 13 years to nurture the band to what it has become today. "We are fortunate in that respect, that we've had such a long relationship with a major record company. At the same time, no one takes that much time for artist development, ever. But we've never spent that much money, until now, and when you drop a lot of money into a project everyone wants to win."

That final product turned out to be *The Reality of My Surroundings*, a concept album. The title explains the concept. *Reality* has a much narrower focus than Fishbone's previous albums and packs a bit of a dose of philosophical irony on society. Why? It's a concept album for only their third full-length release? But not would probably be a better question. Fishbone proved it could be done even with a repertoire of songs that were conceived as much as 10 years ago. But just because Fishbone have gotten somewhat serious with their latest release doesn't mean they've become grudes. "We've always used satire in our music," says Jones, "but this time we decided to ease back a little bit on that and let people hear something that grates the ear a little. I don't think it was intentional, although we conceptualized this record before we made it. We're still a party band... but it's a conscious party. We're not an ignorant party. What would Chuck D. [Public Enemy] say, 'Party for your right to fight!'"

And party they did, which was witnessed on their *first* tour. The *Conundrum* and their appearance at the Lollapalooza Festival. Although Fish-



Fishbone is not your typical band.

But then how do you define a typical band? Well, if you were ever burdened with this task, Fishbone wouldn't even exist as an acronym.

If there was one band in this entire world that it would be a felony to pigeonhole, it would be Fishbone for they would have been incarnated in the body of Charles Manson. So, the obvious question pursued on everybody's lips is how does this band stay so diverse and avoid the latest common denominators of musical categorization?

"I think what we do is play all these different styles basically the same way we listen to them," signifies Kendall Jones, the guitarist for Fishbone. "A lot of bands are limited because they set aside time to visit their bias, time aside to make love to their wives and they've programmed their music that way. We don't give listeners that choice. We don't give them what they want, we give them what they deserve."

Whether you think your taste is not as diverse as Fishbone's or not, it's hard to think about it you have been since the pattern of their discography has far too long.

fishbone has been touring as a headliner for the past months, in support of *The Reality of My Surroundings*, they decided to hook up with the Perry Farrell's (Jane's Addiction) art-vehicle brainchild, The Lollapalooza Festival. Joining the ranks of Siouxsie and the Banshees, Ice-T, Henry Rollins, Violent Femmes and Jane's Addiction, Fishbone

take over the last leg of the tour where Living Colour, Nine Inch Nails and The Bunnies Surfers left off. Although Fishbone only toured up the West coast for the festival, from Dallas to Seattle, they relished the opportunity to participate in this musical mosaic.

Jones explains, "Perry just wanted a culturally

unified thing where it was just an environment where people could come in peace and learn from one another. When Perry asked us [to join the Lollapalooza tour] back in January we were still in the studio tearing out hair out. The last thing we wanted to do was think about a tour. After a couple of hands dropped out Perry said, 'Hey, you guys want to play?' and we said, 'Yeah, we'll do it.' It was a great idea and I'm glad Perry had the juice to put it together."

Thus, The Lollapalooza Festival couldn't have been a more perfect vehicle for Fishbone to ride, considering Black Radio in the United States has yet to wake up and admit they are white owned. The chances of hearing Fishbone after Vanilla Ice are very slim. Cultural diversity? Well, with 7 members in Fishbone whom are very observant of their role in American culture, their influences in their music extend much further than what they grew up listening to.

"Obviously, the mentality of African culture in America is a big influence on Fishbone. The difference is we have respect for everybody's culture whereas very few people have respect for ours. We just want people to know that when you wear the red, black and green that does not mean you steamroller over everyone else's culture. It means that you respect and admire the differences of everyone else while being proud in the heritage of your own."

Most recently, Fishbone have collaborated with filmmaker, Spike Lee, on Lee's new film on the life of Malcolm X. Although Fishbone are no strangers to the silver screen, with appearances in *Back to the Beach* and *Tapeheads*, they do not appear on screen this time. However, the band is doing work on a compilation album to which all proceeds will be going to the United Negro College Fund to be released on Spike Lee's new record, *44*. And a Mule. Look for a release on Mule's 20th birthday in 1999 for all of you hardcore fillers.

NEW YORK

Rowena 'n' Ricardo Wong Go To the Big Apple

SITTING IN THEIR EASY chairs placed side by side on the verandah of their house overlooking the back yard of Mr. Dolores' place are Rowena and Ricardo Wong. Having just spent several days in the Big Apple taking in the New Music Seminar and other sights, these two worldwide vacationers are eager to tell me about their trip to New York.

RICARDO: "IF YOU are sitting in an exit row and you cannot read this card or cannot see well enough to follow these instructions, please tell a crew member. So said the emergency procedures card sitting in the pouch in front of us, Rowena 'n' Ricardo, which, Ricardo, noticed just as we landed at La Guardia Airport on our way to the annual New Music Seminar.

ROWENA: HOOBOOY, NEW York was hot 'n' humid. The air felt like thousands of hands pawing at my all over your body, grey and sticky gooey fingers grabbing every pore and crevice. Uck. Ricardo and I sought refuge at the Paramount Hotel, a rather ancient place recently renovated in Philippe Starck's ultra chic 'n' trendy but sort of expensive like way. Apparently they forgot to repair/replace one thing in the process 'cause I almost spent my whole week in New York trapped in the company of towels, toothpaste, toilet paper and a stainless steel washbasin. Yes, the rusty old wobbly doorknob on the bathroom door. Maybe he wants us to stay in the bathroom brushing our teeth with his Philippe Starck-designed multi-hue multi-dollar toothbrushes which

Ricardo and I had forgotten to bring with us.

RICARDO: THAT WASN'T the only thing we forgot, was it, Rowena? We, Rowena 'n' Ricardo, also forgot to bring our VCR because there were some verry interesting things on the commercial/community access cable channel after midnight. Just think, we could have brought home with us vids that you would never see on Rogers Cable 4. Imagine shows with names like *Beyond Fury*, *Psychic Blond Fury*, *Byrd's Women for Women*, the legendary *Robin Byrd Show*, *Hot Spots*, *Hot Talk*, *In & Out With Dick*, *Interkides After Midnight*, *Men & Films*, *Midnight Blue*, and *Voyeur Vision* — complete with commercials for New York's various escort services including the memorable Geisha Escorts.

And then there's this show called *Larry V.W. Rock Shop* which just has this geeky baseball-capped guy sitting on a chair talking about all these reeally bad metal videos that look like they should be on *Real Power Hits* on Rogers Cable 4. He had this reeally stupid

metal-guy voice which was bad enough, but then you got to see what he actually looked like and that seemed to make it worse. And then there was the problem with this guy not liking gay people which he kept on repeating.

ROWENA: I'LL REMEMBER staying up late watching the wonderful *Party Duke Show* on Nick at Nite every night after going out and seeing some nightlife. Hooboy, we saw alot of nightlife!

One night we went to the Ritz which is a Broadway theatre-turned-rock-palace, to see Einstürzende Neubauten with Cabaret Voltaire and Front Line Assembly. Bill Leeb and Co. opened the evening off with a rather lengthy set for an opening act. Forget about what was said about the Vancouver show at Graeland being a major disappointment etc: I found nothing really different performance-wise between the two shows, save for the fact that FLA was more or less jammed into the tiny Graeland stage, offering Mr. Leeb little room to maneuver, whereas the football field-like Ritz stage actually made the group look a tad miniscule.

Between bands, the club displayed several loooong industrial-dance videos on the triumvirate of video screens that descended from the ceiling. However, there were no "I've fallen, and I can't get up" sequences between videos which my second-cousin-once-removed Ansel Wong told me last year drew much applause and cheering from the parts of the audience that were in the know; it seemed that the videos by the German supergroup (ubergroup?) Laibach were the new in-thing to cheer at in a mocking sort of way. Especially that classic "Life Is Life" video. Ah, yes, the

audience's reaction to Laibach was something that you can only dream about reading in *Spy*, or in *Details* when it was cool. Is this what being cool is?

Cabaret Voltaire followed, but being rather short, I couldn't see them bopping around on stage in their nice white Euro-apper duds. Ricardo said they did dance rather cutely, though. A lot of house-y stuff, which I honestly found more interesting in this environment than I found FLA. They also did a rather lengthy set, but maybe it was the heat that was making me impatient. Or maybe it was the very strong smell of clove cigarettes being smoked around me. Anyway, I was relieved when they were finished, because then I could see the band that we had come to see.

After an agonizingly long set of videos including another one by Laibach, Einstürzende Neubauten took the stage and for over an hour they kept the audience entranced with their dissonant, violent, aggressive art. Guitar and bass feedback were layered with percussion involving chains, pipes, a saw and even a wine grocery cart in a very visual performance. Hooboy, things were screechy and squaky and noisy! It was wonderful! Except for Mr. Curly Haired Percussion Man with the New Wave Do who seemed to think he was Mr. Universe, what with his flexing and preening on stage.

RICARDO: HOW ABOUT The Academy? It's another Broadway Theatre that's been basically gutted of its seats on the lower level and injected with a muscular rock sound system like the Ritz. The Academy was the site for one stop of the Buzzcocks reunion tour. Nova Mob opened, and seemed to make the few hundred there happy except me. I was bored.

Playing stuff from their album (on Rough Trade, so I don't know where they hell it's from now) which in itself does not incite one to hop up and down, at least Mr. Hart and Co. should have let us sit on chairs or something. After a dreadful high-on-an-hour delay in setting up on the massive stage which seemed much larger than the Orpheum's in Vancouver (or were they just waiting for the crowd to get bigger?), the Buzzcocks took stage, and proceeded to do to the crowd what Coast 800 seems to be happy playing their old punk-rock cum pop hits plus their (some say) weaker stuff from their recent EP. Everyone left with a smile and a slightly wistful "remember when" kind of look on their faces. Definitely a return to the good old days of yore though oddly placed in the midst of a new music convention.

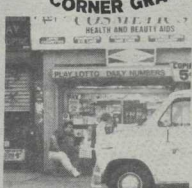
ROWENA: IT'S WERE \$20 and had the dates of the American tour on the back, all twelve or so. I bought one of 'em. I mean, what the hell I forgot to buy one when I was ten. It smelled like the subway... an exhaustively heavy oily reek... and Ricardo hadn't even worn it yet.

RICARDO: THEN THERE was the night that we saw the Velvet Crush, the 360's, Venus Beads, Yo La Tengo, Das Dämon, Urge Overkill and Urrest all in one night! What a night of guitar-based rock 'n' roll! We started things off at a very early hour in the Marquee, a club on the Lower West Side that is almost shaped like a huge Luv-a-Fair, only this place had an airplane

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Rowena and Ricardo's Top Phrases Heard in New York. ■ A man to Ricardo who's drinking through a straw a canned beverage that's hidden in a paper bag: "Can I have some of that? Oh, it's only soda." ■ A Chinese restaurant on Houston Street: "Can I sit down here?" "Yeah, sit down 'dere." ■ Child and parent in the United Nations lobby: "I don't wanna go on the tour!" "You have to go on the tour. That's why we came upon finding out Ricardo's from Vancouver." "Gastown! They ran me out of Gastown." ■ Men outside a strip club on Broadway trying to drum up business: "Ladies on stage, guys and gals. Six overhead working on stage." ■ Walter to a tourist family at Howard Johnson's dining room on the corner of 48th and Broadway where they sell Travellin' Taffy by the boxload in both ice cream and tropical fruit flavours and where they're huge print "15% gratuity not included": "You know Haagen-Daz don't you? You're from Holland, aren't you? Oh, y'know I think it's made in New Jersey." ■ Walking around New York, it seems no one looks at any anybody it's a wonder why there are so many sidewalk salespeople/hawkbills: "Hi, my name is Colleen and I'm with— Hey! You're not even listening! Be nice!" ■ Walter to Ricardo at a restaurant where Ricardo himself down at a booth: "Hey, let me do that. What, do you want my job?" ■ Man walking along in Greenwich Village waving a fully-extended Swiss Army knife in front of him like a flag, yelling: "Hey! Right here!"

POP ROCK!

People and Take a Bite — by Ida J. Latham

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sticking its nose into the roof of the building. Inside, the bright early evening sky shone into the skylights and made for a very unclublike atmosphere, which was probably the reason why so few people were on

hand to watch the Velvet Crush open the night. They played a short but enjoyable set with a youthful quasi-innocent exuberance kind of like Love Battery had. After a very short time — i.e., only a few videos later — the 360's came on before a much larger crowd and sure made me want to go out and buy their debut album. But then the Venus Beads quickly followed and made me very happy that I had bought their album and had listened to it intently beforehand, because of all three bands, the Venus Beads were the most memorable. Their set included almost all the songs off their album, and nothing was lost in the translation from studio to live. Very lively on stage, their guitarist caught my eye the most; he was this cute fellow like the guy in the Smugglers who ran and jumped about like he was on a flying pan, whether he was playing a solo or not.

We left right after the Venus Beads finished their set and before Birdland took the stage, 'cause we wanted to highlight it to CGBG on the opposite side of town to see the Matador showcase night with Urge Overkill, Urrest, Unsane and Superchunk. We got their just in time to see Urge Overkill finish off their set before an appreciative, jam-packed crowd that filled the

OWENA: ABOUT THE
Sub Pop over
 we experienced? For a label that is only two hours' away from us, we sure got a lot of it thousands of miles away. There were two major Sub Pop nights during our stay. One entitled "Sub Pop and Friends Presents" was at the Marquee again where Codeine, Reverend Horton Heat, Afghan Whigs, Pearl Jam and Beasts of Bourbon gave the very Sub Pop-crazy crowd (Jonathan Poneman was the most loudly applauded panellist at one of the indie seminars) a hefty shot of The Seattle Sound, even though more than a couple of the bands aren't from Seattle. I've never seen so many Sub Pop T-shirts in one

room in my entire life, and I don't think they were even selling any at the club. Plus they were very liberal with the Sub Pop videos on the video screen between sets.

Two nights later, we found ourselves gingerly stepping aboard a boat called the Flying Pan for the Sub Pop/Touch & Go Island party featuring Piggy, Diglis, Reverend Horton Heat, Codeine, Rinterland and Urge Overkill. Moored next to an aircraft carrier turned into a museum off of 46th Street on the Hudson River, where you could have a gorgeous view of the "brown, smoggy" shores of New Jersey, or an every-body gorgeous view of the browner, smoggy horizon down the river with the sun setting in all its brown splendor. The Flying Pan is a twice-sunken-once-condemned-but-now-raised vessel (with bandages and must sticks to the inside walls to prove it).

Needless to say, the Flying Pan suffered from a severe case of perspiration on the lower level where the bands were playing, making for a very soggy precarious environment. At least three times the generator went out, throwing the boat into darkness, and the boat into a pitiful generator-induced lessening. What else could one do but clamber up the ladder to the upper deck, grab another Jagmeister and eavesdrop on industry execs ("A friend of mine is in the frozen meat industry." "Yeah? Mine, too." "Of course some other folks took advantage of this kill in party-ego to go wait in line to use the perpetually plugged toilets. Ricardo overheard while in line: "Mind the smell in there. I didn't cause that smell. I only contributed to it." The toilets were equitably separated according to gender, but some guys couldn't wait, and rather than pee backward like a sign invited, decided to invade the "women's."

Rick from the Digidits came up to me,

"Can I ask you a question? I don't mean to impose, but why are you here? I mean, you could ask me the same question. I just wanted to know. I'm just trying to find somebody who'll just say, 'It's a party, I'm just here.' Everybody here seems to be with something." Apparently, the Digidits and Pegboy were supposed to be playing the same night somewhere in Philadelphia, which meant that they were supposed to leave pronto after their sets on the boat and truck it on over to Pennsylvania. Somehow it seems more appealing to be playing on a drunken ship than it is to be playing in Philadelphia. But before leaving, with a beer in hand, Rick reached into his

Ricardo's Top Food Items

- Tomato, mozzarella and basil on chafin at some eatery on Amsterdam.
- Potato knish with two kinds of mustard served by a street vendor outside the United Nations.
- Moisha's potato latkes served with a nice big bowl of apple sauce. I personally prefer sour cream, but I came with apple sauce and Norma brought them out.
- Black bean soup as dark as chocolate pudding and served with other crackers as big as ping pong balls and just as hard.
- Moisha's Chopper Liver and Bacon Sandwich which is the size of half a ham. It seems.

ICARDO: I THINK SHE
 had too much Jagmeister, 'cause she said, "Are you going that way? I'm trying to figure out if I'm being stupid walking down this street alone. Can I walk with you?"

OWENA: AND THEN
 there's Bongwater at CGBG. A show so inspiring, it moved me to write a poem:

The guitarist looked like J. B. Hohn.
 The drummer looked like Linda Hunt.
 Kramer looked like Kevin Smith.
 Ann Magnusson drank like a fish.

ICARDO: BUT WAIT!
 Who's J.B. Hohn? Who's Linda Hunt? Who's Kevin Smith? Fish don't drink. Hey! Who turned off the water? I thought the Bongwater show was the most memorable one of all. It started off with Kramer setting up and then Ann Magnusson came onstage with some pieces of paper and started driving. And then the band started playing VERY LOUDLY, so loudly that my sweaty shorts vibrated. In a manner kinda like King Missile's John S. Hall, Ann Magnusson's lyrics have that spontaneous air about them that is sorta made transparent because it's being performed like it appears on record. Nonetheless, it was truly magical — her material from all their albums, plus their encore which they dedicated to ACT UP. But

does Ann Magnusson ever drink? She must have downed five bottles in the set. Plus she changed her wig and clothes several times, sorta like keeping track of how much she was drinking. Memorable moments? Actually hearing live performances of "Chicken Pussy," "The Power of Pussy," and that one in a Chinese language that is on the Double Bum CD, all while Ann Magnusson was referring to and reading from various pieces of paper and books that she had with her.

Needless to say, we left after they finished because, well, we were finished too.



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Rovena and Ricardo's Sundry Other Memories • Seeing Joe Ramone standing alone and looking very confused by the NMS info booth. • Being almost run down by Professor X and his X Clan marching down Broadway. • Really seeing dog walkers at 6pm around Greenwich Village. • Being able to walk into a clothing store in Greenwich Village at 2am and look at shirts and dresses. • Actually seeing people picking stuff at 3am from the corner store's fifty-item steam tables/salad bars full of



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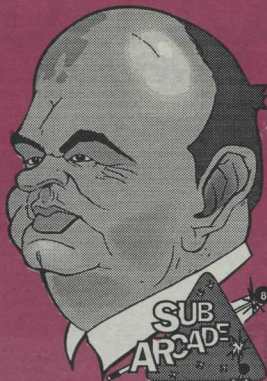


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DJ SOUNDWAR CHAPTER II

BY ADAM SLOAN

Uh, so you're wondering "what tha hell is a DJ Soundwar?" Well git this y'all. Let's go way, way, way, way back before Shaft with a mic in the Mack, oops, I mean to the year 1990, A.D. around June, when things were starting to come together for the now legendary DJ Soundwar, chapter one. It was the product of a few hard-workin' members of this here radio station CYTR, who wanted to provide an outlet for local rappers, DJ's rap crews, and dancers to work it out in front of an audience. It all culminated in two frenzied days of activity, August 31 and September 1 with all the hippest hip-hop addicts in Vancouver checkin' out what was goin' down in their own city. There were also a few imports from Seattle and even farther down the American coast, doin' their dang for the prizes and the fun. A good time was had by all, no doubt! Looking back, it wasn't really important who won, as everybody that entered won by finding out that they weren't alone and friendships were struck everywhere.

Chapter II should give us the opportunity to see some new Vancouver rap talent, as well as being able to check out how last year's contestants have progressed. As well, this year promises more prizes for contestants and the audience, a large video screen, and the first-ever Graffiti Clash. There will also be a DJ equipment exhibition with tons of the latest mixers, turntables, and a few demonstrations by MR. Control from MuchMusic Extendamix.

So if you're down with rap, you just gotta be at the SUB Ballroom out here at U.B.C., 6pm Saturday September 14 and Sunday, September 15 for CTR DJ Soundwar Chapter II, along with thousands of other people chillin' to da hip-hop beat. Awright, I'll see ya there. I'm outta here y'all.

DJ SOUND WAR CHAPTER TWO

CITR'S RAP AND DANCE COMPETITION

SAT. SEPT. 14 & SUN SEPT. 15

SUB BALLROOM, UBC RULES

RULES FOR DANCERS

- dancers may compete individually or in teams
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- dancers will be judged on technique, timing, originality, presentation and audience response

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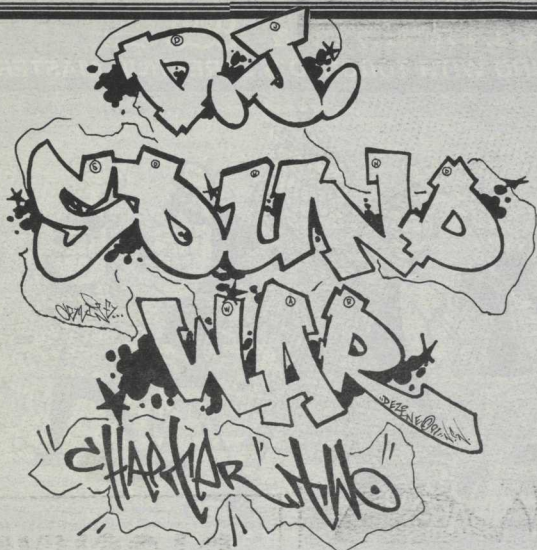
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- MCs will be judged on delivery, lyrical content, originality and audience response.

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- DJs may use tapes and other sound sources but must supply a list of equipment to be used which will be approved or revised by the judges as they see fit
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WALKING WOUNDED are a five piece rock'n'roll band from Hollywood. I was supposed to talk to them before the August 9th show but they had the border guard blues and I had a baby migraine, so after waiting an hour I went to White Spot with my beer and had the Soup of the Day (roccoli and cheddar) and a side order of colelawd. Feeling somewhat revived, we headed over to the Commodore. Robyn had given me their new release, *Hard Times*, in the hopes that I would interview them. After giving the tape a few listens I had decided that they were pretty good. I liked the second side better than the first, but I wasn't in love. It came as a surprise then, that as we were going up the steps of the Commodore, I began to run, dragging my boyfriend, because I could hear strains of "Sarah" and didn't want to miss it. They played a lively set, I danced and sang along and finally chatted with them afterwards. We talked about borders, Bob's Your Uncle and boxer shorts. Jerry has a great voice, was very hospitable, and even gave me a beer. Maybe I love them after all.

voices:

Disorder (that's me)
Jerry Giddens (vocals, acoustic guitar)
Louis (new bass guitarist, didn't catch his last name)
Kent Earl Housman (electric guitar, vocals)
Tom Lilestoll (percussion, vocals)
?—mystery man (new drummer)

Disorder: You had some problems at the border, I hear.
Jerry: Whoah, golly! Yeah, we had a lot of problems. They seized our equipment truck and we had to pay to get it back—I felt like I was in Mississippi, you know where the guy goes, "Give me a few dollars and I'll let you cross." So uh, yeah it was—I think there's some sort of war going on between the United States and Canada now [about letting musicians in and out].
DIS: What's it like in Hollywood? Are you overshadowed by movie stars?
J: Uh yeah—I guess overshadowed might be the right word. It's one of the strangest places I've ever lived and I'm not sure I will ever get over it. Actually, I just kind of moved out in the

mountains—for the first time in fifteen years [I'm] not living in the city. I kinda feel like a country rural guy again.
DIS: Originally you're from Louisiana?
J: Yeah—from the country. I feel so at home when I drive through these woods up here.
DIS: Is CTR the first Canadian radio station you've talked to?
J: Certainly on this tour. On the last tour, for Raging Winds of Time, we had—what's the big station out in Victoria? Q102 or something—I don't remember who it was. They played a lot of our last record, and actually we got some play around Canada but our record company kind of dropped the ball and nothing ever happened. But you're the first one on the Hard Times tour.

Yes, ma'am.
DIS: Well, we'll give you lots of airplay.
J: Good, good. Which song do you like?
DIS: I guess it's a tie between—
J: Do you like "Sarah"?
DIS: "Sarah" and—what's the last one?
J: "Saddled By Idiot"?
DIS: Yes!
J: You like "Saddled By Idiot"?
DIS: I like "Saddled By Idiot".
J: Oh, I thought no one would like that. I almost didn't put it on the record.
DIS: No, I liked it. I liked having the pub sounds in the background.
J: Yeah. Those are sound effects—it's terrible—but we did it. It wasn't really live but I've played many shows where it was equally as devastating.
But yeah, a lot of people mention that song—I thought no one would really check it out. (Actually, my favourite song is "Broken Spirits," which provided the title for this article, but in the stress and excitement of my first interview, my memory failed me.)
DIS: Have you ever heard of your labelmates Bob's Your Uncle?
J: Oh! Were they here tonight? What's the lead singer's name?
DIS: Sook-Yin Lee.
J: We love her. When we were doing this record, we were thinking about signing to Doctor Dream and they had done this billboard ad with her picture on it. We hung the picture up in the studio, and I'd go "Look at this fine woman and play this song." Don't tell her that. Actually, I met her for like, five seconds. They'd just done their show at the Monterey—she's marvelous—and I walked up to her—when they were playing our record on the PA, I'm sure she didn't know who I was and I'm going "This record is for you. The whole band looked at your picture!" and she's going (makes "who is this guy?" face).
DIS: You wrote "Loneliest Road" for the Beat Farmers. Have you done anything else with them?
J: I did a solo record a couple of years ago, an acoustic kind of thing and the Beat Farmers wanted Walking Wounded to open some shows. Walking Wounded couldn't do it but Jerry Giddens could. So after about three gigs, Country Dick goes "I thought you had a fuckin' band" and I go "No, no, no, that's the point. I don't have a band." So I got to know them through that and I just think they're some of the best people in the business and they are great musicians.
DIS: Yeah, they're a lot of fun.

I saw them a couple months ago here.
J: Those are songwriters right there—and Country Dick, he's always on (in the background, "Praise the Lord!")
DIS: Every single article I read mentions Bob Dylan as an influence. Any extra comment required there?
J: I love Bob Dylan. I think he's the best living American poet and if I could write one song as good as any of his, I'd feel like I was a good songwriter. He's the best. I don't give a shit about his personal life, I just like his songs. I don't think they're prophetic either, I just think they're great. I love Bob Dylan. (laughs)
DIS: We love Bob! (choruses of "Bob!" in background)
J: Of course, I'm not the only one.
DIS: Your press release makes some comment about you being "quintessentially American rock'n'roll." What makes you so American and so quintessential?
J: Do you actually feel American—do you feel very American, as opposed to me feeling very Canadian?
J: No, No, no, I'm not very much of a nationalist person. I actually think that we all ought to be one country. But it is a source of pride. I really feel that America bred rock'n'roll. Rock'n'roll started there. The problem is that we don't have the best rock'n'roll bands any more. The best rock'n'roll bands are from Australia and Canada and England. I really believe in an arrogant sort of way that we're one of the great rock'n'roll bands in America right now—because the rest of them are doing horse-shit music. Bands like The Paladins, thank god for them and Dave Alvin and these folks 'cause you know we don't do the music for money and we don't do it for the clothes, we don't dress up—we play rock'n'roll. And we do what music is supposed to do for a community, at least, we hope we do. When people ask me, I always say we're an American band because I feel that groups place [i.e. identify?] with American musicians but in a sense, I pray that we're a universal band. And I think that our songs are kind of universal. As I was introducing the song that was in Gallup, New Mexico I realized how American my perspective is, for better or for worse. But I love Canada. God, I almost lived here—almost ran away from the draft and came and joined you folks.
DIS: You know Jesse Winchester?
J: Yeah.
J: He was one of my original influences and I would love to meet Jesse Winchester one day.

I almost had to follow him up here—but many years later.
DIS: (To the rest of the band) Anything you guys want to say? Tom: (Pee Wee Herman imitation)
J: No, don't do any Pee Wee humour. This is Tom and Louis—Louis is one of the newest members of Walking Wounded.
Louis: I just want to say that I thank the Lord for beautiful women like you.
DIS: (laugh) But they can't see me on the radio.
J: Well, they can now. With that description, god!
L: They don't need to.
J: And Tom, what do you want to say?
DIS: I'm happy to be alive.
H: One last question. There was a comment in one of the articles I got that the Nineties [for us] might be something like the Thirties were for your parents' generation. Do you really feel that pessimistic?
J: I certainly did when I wrote the songs [on *Hard Times*]. My concern is that for eight out of ten Americans life is well and they don't feel like that. And I'm one of those people, I'm very blessed. Me and Louis were talking about this earlier. In fact, no matter what troubles we had crossing the border—
L: Very minor, very, very minor.
J: We're still blessed—humans first, and musicians second. As hard as this is sometimes, there are tons of musicians who wish they were in : shoes. In this country, two out every ten people are havin' hard times—
L: More than that—
J: At least... Four out every ten American children go to bed hungry. American children! This is insane! And I just feel that no matter how good it gets for eight out of us, if two of us aren't doing well, then none of us are doing well. We ought to be taking care of these children. You all have a national health system here, which is incredible. You don't know how lucky you are! In the United States—
DIS: You just pray you don't get sick.
J: We pray we don't get sick! I have two kids, I'm a grown man and I worry—it's just incredible. It's just insane. The richest country in the world and we can't help the poorest among us stay healthy, we can't feed the children in this country—this country? here we are in Canada!
DIS: We've got hungry children here in Canada, too. But the health system does help a lot.
J: And don't let them bastards take it away from you. You've got to fight for that shit. We could have had it in this country fifteen years ago, and we all

backed down,—this country? We could've had it in the United States. See, I feel at home here—
DIS: Well, that's fine. I know what you mean.
J: Yeah, but I don't want to be some asshole American. That's the last thing—
She'll probably put that, "We don't want to be asshole Americans"
DIS: That can be the title of your next song.
J: "Asshole American". After that border guard I met, it may be "Asshole Canadian". I'm lookin' at this guy, goin' "You must have learned your shit from some American fuckhead." They just treated us like shit. There was no reason. We were totally being up front a thousand percent—
TJ: I was wearing my boxer shorts.
J: I don't like to lie, y'know, so I don't carry my pot across the border. So I don't lie! I think it's terrible that the United States is hassling Canadian musicians too. You know, there are Irish musicians who can't get here [like Dick Gaughan]. We can't see these bands! Bob's Your Uncle had a little problem, but there were a couple other bands from Canada that had a lot of problems gettin' down there and I can't remember who it was. There shouldn't even be borders. I mean, Canada and the United States, what the fuck for! Why? Why's the border there? We're the same, it's all the same shit. I'm ready to just open the borders from Chile all the way up to Alaska. Just let people go. You know there are Indian tribes that lived in an area of the world for thousands of years, and we came and we built a fence across it, and we said that's Mexico and this is the United States.
You all have a huge Indian—Native Canadian population. What are the natives known as here? Eskimos?
DIS: No. They're usually just called Native Indians, the indigenous people [today, I would say First Nations]. Further up north, you have the Inuit.
L: How long have you been here?
DIS: I've lived in Canada all my life. I was born in Alberta—
J: You and Neil. We love Neil Young... I love Bruce Cockburn. "If I Had a Rocket Launcher" is still one of my favourite songs—I wish I had written that song. But I didn't. But if I had a rocket launcher today, baby! We'd have blown up some custom houses!
L: This is Kent, our guitar player. Kent, say a few words.
Kent: abbbbbaaaaaa bbbb abbbb bbbb abbaa bbbb
And on that obscure note, we said goodbye.

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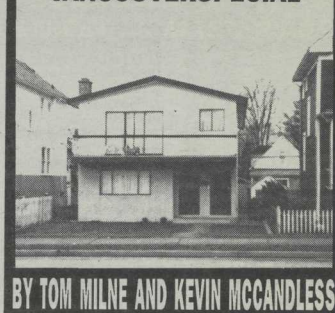


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BY TOM MILNE AND KEVIN MCCANDLESS

That Kevin guy was supposed to cover this gig so I thought it'd be safe for me to drink my face off but since he didn't show up I guess I'll have to do the review. I arrived late, partway through the Clusterflux set, but I heard enough to be impressed: fast, slow, fast, slow light hardcore with a raw edge. Paste was up next and Holy Fuck were they good. As far as I'm concerned, the Paste members' old band, Subverse, was one of the most amazing Vancouver hardcore bands, ever, and was seriously underrated. And Paste completely picks up where Subverse left off. Totally intense face shredding hardcore, hopefully Vancouver audiences will be a little more receptive with their style this time around. Unfortunately, after this point I staggered off into the night and completely missed Shutdown, so I'm going to let my roommate comment on their show: "Shutdown put on a solid, intense set of hardcore. Unlike the last time I saw them when they were consumed by their own semi-nakedness; the fact that all five members of the band ended the gig in macho

shirtlessness didn't detract from their music. Instead of focusing on each others silky skin, Shutdown kept churning out the kind of all encompassing hardcore that drunken legends are made of. Assuming they can deal with their rock 'n' roll stardom (no mean feat) they might actually transcend the incestuous local scene."

So overall I guess it was a great gig, with the possible exception being that the audiences at all ages gig tend to show a bit more wild abandon than the Cruel Elephant crowd. Oh well, who the hell am I to talk? I rarely jump around for any band so I guess I just contribute to the general lameness.

Speaking of lame, the cover of the new Superconductor 7" is obviously intended to turn a few stomachs, but it is a little too blatantly

explosive to be all that interesting. Still, it does catch the eye. And that's probably a good thing considering the music is quite cool: harsh, heavily distorted screaming grunge. It's very very heavy but I find the amazing vocals are what really push

it over the top. To tell you the truth though, I was a little disappointed that you can't really tell that's there's 7 guitarists.

The Lung 7" is finally out and it has been well worth the wait. Both songs are filled with raw edged screaming distortion, but the brutal pounding drums on "Consume" make that one the real standout for me. This is too energetic to be called "grunge," and too downright catchy (in a kind of harsh way) to be called "noise," so quit trying to make me label it and go out and buy the stupid thing. Very, very, pretty vinyl.

This has been a hell of a month for Vancouver vinyl. Hot on the heels of the Scratch releases comes *The Mini is a Terrible Thing to Taste*, from Mint Records. It features Tankhog and Windwalker doing the Ministry songs "So What" and "Burning Inside" respectively. Ever heard of the expression "this was a cover that needed doing"? I'd say that was the case for both of these songs, the Tankhog one having the slight edge of approval from me over Windwalker. Tankhog's version of "So What" has to be heard to be believed. Incredibly heavy, it is a fairly faithful rendition of the original with enough variation to keep it interesting. From a completely different stylistic camp, Windwalker does a much faster, although a slightly less harsh sounding, version of "Burning Inside," with a little more vocal melody and a definite fast hardcore sound to the drums and guitar. This release should be checked out even if you have no real interest in either band; I mean, I normally find Tankhog's thud-metal sound to be a bit boring but they really kick here. I'd also like to mention that the packaging is totally great, the Tankhog side especially worth noting.

Well that's it. I guess the column's a bit short this month but we've gotta have a life. Speaking of a life, this will likely be the last column I'll contribute to but Kevin will be carrying on the banner so keep that fan mail coming.

photo of Paste by Kai Korinth





BY FELICITY DUNBAR

Oooh September's here! Time to plant yourself back in that desk scoured sparkling clean of any year-old Dubble Bubblicious Yum and starchcompin' from HBs, right? Not I. Nopeesiree! I'm gonna keep on sitting here with my orange sequinned velvet Nardwuar record player just a-listening to all these 7"ers. Now where shall we begin...

Let's start with a **Supersuckers** record, shall we? I just got ahold of "Junk" (eMPT Records). Frankly I don't think

they sound like "generic, pneumatic, drill-sounding punk" as one live reviewer described the band as being a couple months ago. Actually I don't know what that means. One of them Vancouver Special guys told me that the Supersuckers like the Derelicts only a whole lot louder or a lot rougher or tougher or whatever... all of the above. Listening to "Junk" kinda reminds me of having one of those dreams in which all your teeth fall out, disintegrate, or otherwise go all gritty. I like this, especially "Girl! Girl!"

on Side 2. It's grinding catchy crunch. And I don't have to ponder as long over this record as I did over that dream. By the way did anyone see last month's **Supersuckers'** record review in *Hyper*?

That label from Bellingham that starts with an E have put out another three record box set. Problem though is that when I opened up the box much to my horror, I found only two-thirds inside. So, here you get only two-thirds of a review. Anyway, this compilation is called *HalfRack: The 12 Drunkest Bands in Showbiz*, and just like its predecessor the *Lunch Bucket* that came with a set of trading cards, the *HalfRack* comes with extra stuff that makes the box rattle. A book of matches, a coaster. A perfect gift for your promiscuous drunken vinyl-collecting cousin. Musically *The HalfRack* kicks the *Lunch Bucket* and most of the other recent compilations right out the door and down the street. A heckuva lot more variety. A heckuva lot more listenable. *The Lunch Bucket* was sort of difficult to listen to all in one go, but this I could listen to all day long if only I didn't have to get up to change records. It's kind of a silly idea—this drunk-and-bad thing—but the tunes themselves (the eight that I've heard) are cool regardless. The

Derelicts are their raw Derelict selves tearing through a cover of the Cosmic Psychos' "Lost Cause." **Seaweed** once again splendidly covers a Beat Happening song. This time it's "Foggy Eyes." Maybe next time they'll do "Hot Chocolate Boy." Wahoooo. There are a couple low points on this gathering though. Even a recent appearance on Entertainment Tonight couldn't make me wanna listen to the *Untamed Youth's* tune more than a couple times. **Prisonshake's** song is a rocker, but their own last release was a lot more catchy. Missing from my set was the "M" bunch: Mudhoney, the Mono Men, Marble Orchard, the Mummies. Nardwuar who does have a complete set says "The Mummies do Suzi Quatro's "What a Way to Die." It's grrraaayttt!"

You should probably buy **this Bob's** record (Plumb) on looks alone. The cover photo is amazing and quite suitable for framing. Inside you get three tunes, one of which is a cover of "Doit! It Our Way" (y'know from Laverne & Shirley?). That cover and THE cover are the best things about this record. The other two songs are not too special party rock that unfortunately pale in comparison, although "Sally" seems to be a tune that'll

eventually grow on you. In the meantime you can spend your time absorbing the amazingsness of the covers.

The first release of the **Parkland Pride Co-op** is the *Parkland Pride 7"*. This appears to be one of those bunch-of-band-buddies-get-together-and-do-a-record records. It's a party on vinyl. How critical can ya be? The only problem with a record like this is that it can end up being too much of an in-joke leaving the listener out of the fun. But oh well, if you wanna crash the party, you can find it at Meat Records in Tacoma, WA.

From Columbus, Ohio (home of The Boys from Nowhere who put out many a 7"), come the **Red Devils**. Although this 4-song EP sounds at times as if these guys were recording while vacuuming their livingroom, this record deserves a spot in every jukebox in town. Good but not great, a fun rock-a-billy stomper. Oh and by the way, "Button Nose" is also covered by the A-Bones. What's this a Benny Joy revival or something?

"Yo Mamafish"/Pop Song = Food" by **The Dambuilders** (Puppethead). If you've been hankering for some unfancy un-

complicated pop music wrapped up in a confusing black, blue and white sleeve, check out "Yo Mamafish"/Pop Song = Food" by The Dambuilders. I don't know why, but for some reason when I opened up this record it smelled kind of peppery or licorice-y like a spice shop. Maybe The Dambuilders are chefs or bakers by day. Maybe that explains the title of the B-side of their 7". Hm. Maybe it's lunch time.

Sleepyhead is a trio: Chris O'Rourke, Rachael McNally and Michael Gallinsky. On their single "Play" b/w "Too Much Fun" (Picture Book Artifact), they credit Gene, Jamie, Snake and Tae for concept, spiritual reference, choreography and sleeve design respectively. It was recorded by Kramer at Noise NY. It is brilliant. Brilliant in every single way. Sleepyhead played in Olympia at the International Pop Underground Convention. No doubt they were brilliant there too. I wasn't there, I was at home playing their brilliant record over and over and over again. So there.

Yep, that's all for this month. If you've got a 7" out, please send it my way! Plus for more news on 7"ers local-style, flip to Vancouver Special. Beware of the evil plastic 7" centre thief.



Rory Tait

Another year, another Shindig. Do we really need to go over all this stuff? I mean, you must have been submerged in one helluva thick pea bog to be unaware of the whys and whereabouts of the Great Shindig Event. Oh, come on! Shindig is better than Christmas! It's an opportunity to see old friends, have a few drinks, listen to some hot tunes and we promise that you will never have to kiss any of your relatives.

What Shindig involves, in

case you might still be wondering (and I will pause here for you to clean the pea out of your ears)...is the most loved and hated annual music event in Vancouver. It ain't sponsored by some drug—pushing tobacco company, nor is it related to this "Music '91" shick...no, no, no! Shindig is sponsored by CTR, as well as our prize-donating friends. Therefore, it is not some vehicle for crafty music—industry schmooze-heads to hit on—the

next big thing" and whack each other on the back while paying lip-service to "supporting local music." Shindig is an opportunity for experienced and original groups of musicians to play in front of real people on a real stage and feel the thrills and excitement of a live performance. Shindig also throws in an element of competition and completely arbitrary subjectivity with its "battle of the bands" format. But that's the kinda dog-eat-dog world we live in, so ya better get used to it before ya drown in yer idealism.

But what about you—the original local music aficionado? What does Shindig offer to you? And what if you've never been to Shindig? (gasp) What should you do? say? wear??? These are all excellent questions, and to assist you, the novice Shindig-goer, we have compiled:

The Beginner's Guide to

Shindig Etiquette:

or how to be a local music know-it-all in six easy steps
1. First of all make sure it's a Monday night. Shindig happens on a Monday, not Tuesday (go see a movie), not Friday (don't you have anything better to do on a Friday night?). It's Monday, got it?

2. Round up some friends, the more the merrier. If you don't have any, dial 911 and scream as loudly as you can. At least you'll feel better.

3. Arrive early. Shindig is much more enjoyable if you can find a table and down a pint before the show begins. Relax! It's been a long day, you've earned it. The music you will be experiencing at your typical Shindig round is challenging, different, energetic, and creative. It isn't background music, so be attentive!

Moving one's body parts in time with the music is optional, but encouraged.

5. Shindig is a competition, and alas, this does require the execution of some painfully subjective decision-making by

your friends, the Shindig judges. The judges are really very kind people, and make every effort to be as fair and as open-minded as possible. Sometime, though, you just gotta separate the meat from the fat, the diamonds from the gravel, the poop from the porcelain. This is the challenging yet rewarding job of a Shindig judge. Look in your yellow pages under "recruiting."

6. After the evening is finished, you have the opportunity to ar-

gue and bicker with your friends and new acquaintances about the evening's events, in eager anticipation of next week's thrilling installment. And you can follow the exciting play-by-play right here in your handy copy of *Discorder* magazine. [Ed.—Rory Tait will be providing a blow-by-blow description of the Shindig event for those unable to get down to the *Railway Club* on Monday evenings. Shindig starts on September 16.]



photo of A Cartoon Swear by Miss Dee

SECRETS ENTRUSTED
TO A FEW

BY JUDITH BEEMAN

Science Fiction fans were out in force at UBC for the big Westerncon 44/V-Con 19 both (July 4-7). The cream of the SF crop was present, over 2,000 people. Between the author's readings, movies, art shows, *Star Trek* weddings, and panels galore, it was go go. A rather wide-eyed subtext was there too.

So SF culture is on deck this month, including a look at Westerncon, bookstores in town, vital texts and local writers. And, oh yeah, readers of this column will know "people are reading" (bottom o' page) is where I get to share their book lists. William Gibson... for example. Happy Reading!

Perhaps the most informative panel I attended at the Con was **Neglected Authors**, with Spider Robinson, Cliff Burns and David Bratman. Spider and Cliff are writers and David is editor of *MysticRise*, a SF journal from San Jose. The three brought up many names of writers somewhat "neglected" today. Their testimony was truly impassioned; what fun to see experts in "fan" mode. The following list is from this panel, writers whose style is timeless and worthy of perusal.

Neglected Authors
JG Ballard
 Terry Carr
 John Varley
 David Gerrold
 Henry Kuttner

Cyril Kornbluth
Gardner Doats
Edgar Pangloss
Karen Joy Fowler
Keri Hulme Bone People
Theodore Sturgeon Godbody
John Bellairs Face in the Frost
William Fairchild No Man's Land
Norman Spinrad Radio Talkshow Host

Terry Bisson Talking Man, Wyrd-karn
John D. McDonald (wrote SF before mysteries)
Charles Beaumont Dark Heart (collection of SF)
Diana Wynne Jones Fire and Hemlock (for the kiddies)
Robin McKinley Outlaw of Sherwood (redoing the classics)
Judith Merril (they read about her; a prolific writer, also an editor)

Local SF Media
 Time you did into the other keen radio station in town, Co-op 102.7 fm, each Thursday night for *Ether Control*, a SF extravaganza, 9:30-10:00 pm. The *Science Fiction Association* wants you! A social club for over 20 years, promoting SF/fantasy the group has weekly raves at the Burrard Motor Inn (Fridays), monthly mgs and lots of affiliates such as the *Time Medians* (Dr Who fans) and *Star Trek* clubs (lots of 'em). For more info on the *BCSFA*, write box 35577, St. E, Vancouver V6M 4G9 or call 582-9983 or 738-8356.

Westerncon? V-Con? Whaa?
West Coast Science Fantasy Conference (Westerncon) is an annual event held in a location west of the 104th meridian, or Hawaii. It's a big deal to sponsor this event; Phoenix, Arizona gets the honour next year (always held in July) while Vancouver once before hosted Westerncon, 14 years ago in 1977. This year V-Con (Vancouver Science Fiction Convention) was tied in with Westerncon. Put this on your calendar for next year...V-Con 20 "Sex in Science Fiction and Fantasy"... very educational, I'm sure! It is being held at the Sheraton hotel in Burnaby, May 23 - 25, guests of honour include Michael Kube-McDowell and Elisabeth Vonarburg. Topics will include gender roles, relationships and all the usual con stuff...love that chain of command.

SF booksearch
 Hands down best store in town is **white dwarf** @4368 W.10th (228-8223). They've just moved one door over and the "old" store will now be stocking mystery books. Everything you could want, nice staff, one old beagle!

Worthy of honorable mention is the **Granville Book Company** @850 Granville (687-2213). Great selection of SF related books and snack dabdown. Open til midnight.

Somewhere in between is the **Comicshop** @2089 W. 4th (738-8122). Head to the basement for the SF, both new and used. The biggest selection of used books was at the **Book and Comic Emporium** @1247 Granville (682-3019). Best bookstore cats in town! Also for second hand SF (in a more genteel setting) is **Michael Thompson Bookseller** @445 W. Pender (682-6885). These are just a few shops...most bookstores have a SF section, so seek 'em out. By the way, if 'n you like a good mystery once in a while, check out *Mystery Merchant* @1952 W. 4th (739-4311), this town's newest specialty bookshop.

★ Cybertext ★

Is cybertext dead? Six years after *Neuromancer* the question has been raised. Originally an attitude and a genre, it's become a heck of a marketing tool, these days. The following are some authors, books and mags (both pre and post "cyber" anything, let's just say they have "spit-

it") you may enjoy searching out:
JG Ballard Anarchy Exhibit, Crash: This Englishman has written lots of SF and "shocking" stuff. These beauties are just two. This Fall will also see the sequel to *Empire of the Sun*. SF includes *The Drowned World*, *Vermilion Sands*.
Rudy Rucker Software, Warfare (sequel), *Transreal* (brand new, out soon, collection of fiction), *The 4th Dimension: Toward a geometry of Higher Reality*. Rucker is young and most famous for his mind. He's smart! His books include both SF and studies of information/theories.

William Burroughs You bet! The Spring issue has 10 stories, the Winter 91 issue will be focused on "humor". Contact ON SPEC at P.O. Box 4727, Edmonton, AB, T6L 5G6.
William Gibson...
neuromancer which introduced us to the cyber-cowboy, *Count* (a middle name anthology). Other books include *Count Zero*, *Burning Chrome* (10 short stories) and *Mona Lisa Overdrive*.

Bruce Sterling *Schismatrix* and *Islands in the Net* are two places to begin. Bonus points for *Islands* having a female protagonist.

KW Junker Dr. Adder...wicked! Surgical techniques. Read it. **Tom De Haven's Proak's Amour** is simply amazing. Proper. An early work by this noted SF author.

ESF *Locus* is really an "industry" mag, keeping people up to date with what's happening in the writing field: feature articles, tons of reviews, this is an old read excellent guide to "the scene."

ESF *Mirrorshades* (ed. Bruce Sterling) This cyberpunk anthology. **Spider Robinson** *Middler*, *Time Pressure*, and coming soon, *Unrestrained*, (the sequel to *Stardance*) a collaboration with Jeanne, his wife. They read a passage from this *Westcon*.

The *Re/Search* series These books are vital! Reasonably priced, nicely bound, the kind of subject matter you don't see every day. Past books include *JG Ballard overview*, *Incredibly Strange Films* and the *Industrial Culture Handbook*. Due out later this year is *Angry Women*, a look at thoroughly modern babes. *Semiotext(e)* (S) A collection of hard-edged SF. Many of the names mentioned here. It's a keeper!

ESF *Mondo 2000* is a marvel. Published quarterly on very slick paper, issue 4 includes Vancouver's own Skinny Puppy, high-tech computer info, The Lizard King's poetry, music reviews, fashion and R. Rucker's review of *The Difference Engine*. Rather studied with its glossy anachronistic manner (a journal all the disaffected wealthy?) *Mondo* nonetheless kicks bum.

ESF *ON SPEC* is "the Canadian Magazine of Speculative Writing", published by The Copper Pig Writers' Society in Edmonton. Now in its third year, the mag presents all the of fiction I can only describe as "un-stuffy". Words and pictures. The Spring issue has 10 stories, the Winter 91 issue will be focused on "humor". Contact ON SPEC at P.O. Box 4727, Edmonton, AB, T6L 5G6.

ESF *Horizons SF* 's the magazine published by the UBC SF Society (also the oldest English language SF mag in Canada). Fiction, interviews and columns. Get this, membership to the Society is nine bucks a year for students, \$9.00, for non-students. Cool. For info write, box 75, 6138 SUB Boulevard, UBC, V6T 1Z1.

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 Stephen King. Just kidding! Actually, *The Stand* is a work of art.

ESF *Technoculture*. Communications, technology and culture—that's the '90's, in a "mushell." This book of essays range from Cyborgs to Rap music to the lessons of Cyberpunk and Japanese comic. Univ. of Minnesota press, ed. *Rebels/Rocks*.

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but c'mon Steve, more *Castle Rock* books! *Forced Exposure* 'shipperthan you or could ever be. And we'll just let 'em believe that. Primarily a music mag but the book reviews favour the weird. The last issue had a very thorough profile on Rudy Rucker.

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ESF *Vague* is UK/political/anarchic fodder, but unlike so much of this type of writing, is presented in a way that allows one to truly give it a chance and enjoy. This poor-man's *Re/Search* is no longer published(?)

ESF *100 #20 "Televisionists"* and *161(7) "The Psychic Terrorism Annual"*. A compelling mash-mash of clipped articles, collage, articles. Yo, if anyone has #21 the "Cyberpunk Handbook", can I borrow it?

son, born Americans, now proud to call Vancouver their home. Lucky us.

Leona Gom's "The Y Chromosome" can be found in *Tesseract 3*. **Michael Coney** lives in Sidney, Orig from the UK, he's written 16 novels, recent work includes comic Arthurian tale *Fang, the Grime*. **Robert Charles Wilson** is from Nanaimo, work includes *Gypsies*. **Teresa Piowright** wrote *Dreams of an Unseen Planet*.

Donna Farley writes short stories and had a story in the anthology, *Catsmagic*.

Have you read *Tesseract 3*? There's three of 'em to choose from. Volumes of short SF stories written by Canadians. The latest one 3 has lots of speculative fiction from over 30 writers. Edited by Candar Jane Dorey and Gerry Truscott.

Who the hell is Cliff Burns? Cliff Burns was an invited guest at Western 44, the recent Science Fiction gala at UBC. His psychological horror stories knocked me on my butt. I don't think of him as an SF writer, but at times there's a thin line between horror and science fiction and heck, if it's gonna pay the bills...Cliff's one SF story, *The In-Invincible Boy* can be seen in *Tesseract 3* the latest collection of hot Canadian SF.

Cliff isn't exactly a household name; a mere 14 people came to hear his reading @ Western (mind you, computer guru Steve Jackson was speaking at exactly the same time). Go figure. An impassioned reading from this modest young Canadian deserved a larger crowd. I doubt Cliff lost any sleep over the situation.

Check it out: 60 short stories published in great pulp magazines such as *Grue*, *Iniquities* (excellent new publication), *Gauntlet* and *Midnight Graffiti* (the Spring 90/Stephen King special). There's a recent self-published collection of 19 short stories, *Sex & Other Acts of the Imagination* sells all 500 copies lickety-split, as they say. **Mark Ziesing**, publisher and purveyor of cool gives the book a kick-butt with these succinct words "Great short stories by a new favorite of mine."

The stories? From the wickedness of *Walt Disney in Hell* (I can see the lawyers approaching now!) to the emotional disgust of a young kid realizing that his mom's crazy (very sad) in *The Strange Music*, Cliff keeps his reader locked onto every word. Does that sound hokey? S'only the truth. In *Carl* we view a bizarre family photo album. *Sex test: A History of the Making of Old Favourite* is a grimly fascinating and disturbing. No matter how you feel about the topics—I was a lil' queasy, actually—the writing is stunning.

Four of the stories in *Imagination* deal with Nuclear War and it's aftermath. *The Catapult* lets us hear a conversation between a little girl and a maimed "survivor" of an atomic blast. In *The End* we meet a man so shocked at his impending demise he continues to go about business, till collecting from the neighbors. The final story *The Hibakusha*

shows Kay, as she goes on a fateful "medicine run".

So you're intrigued, you'd like to read Cliff's book. Well, er...um...you can't. At least you can't until the book is reprinted. And that'll

be either when Cliff scrings together the bucks or some publisher wakes up and grabs the chance to print the most innovative young writer around. I doubt we'll be waiting long.

CLIFF BURNS

Walt Disney in Hell—A Trilogy

"I'll see you in Disneyland."

—Richard Ramirez ("The Night Stalker", a serial killer) to spectators as he is led away from receiving the death sentence.

I

Walt Disney is building amusement parks in Hell. Rollercoasters cascade into loop-de-loops lined with glistening razor blades that eviscerate the riders. Patrons wait patiently to enter haunted houses boasting real ghouls, flesh eaters and blood suckers and vivisectionists that giggle and caper through the corridors, slicing and dicing with insane abandon. Ferris wheels constructed without the benefit of safety bars upend suddenly, flinging screaming people to the ground. Conscientious employees sweep up the mess, hose down the rides, prepare for the next horde of sinners.

II

Walt Disney has taken a male lover, a young boy who hung himself with shoelaces while awaiting trial for killing his parents with an ax. The kid gives great head. Walt likes it when he goes down on him while he's working on his desk, poring over blueprints for sadistic new rides. After Walt comes the kid has to put on a set of mouse ears and in falsetto squeaks tell Walt what a wonderful, big cock he has.

III

Walt Disney and P.T. Barnum talk shop while drinking a concoction known as "Old Nick". Walt thinks the Devil thinks too small and Barnum agrees. They bicker on conditions for the merger, finally conclude negotiations with a handshake. The Devil will be deposed and a massive amusement park complex built that encompasses all of the regions of Hell. It will take eons to accomplish but, as Walt looks at it, when he was living he started out with a skinny fucking mouse and a dream and forged an empire. Why shouldn't history repeat itself?

Hey you! On Tuesday, September 24th go to SMASH gallery, pay a measly 5 bucks to hear POETRY (Gerry Gilbert/DOD/ David Bromige and waxy more) and see the film GANG OF SOULS (avec Richard Hell, M. Faithfull, Bill Burroughs et al). The festivities begin at 7:30. A double-whammy of fun...After you recover from that event, on Thursday, September 26 you can see/hear the wonderful Susan Musgrave (very cool!) and Robin Stetson (who's a Winch! Equally cool in a different sorta way) read together at the Art Gallery (3rd flr annex) 7:30 pm, or separately She (Britannia library 1:30), He (Joe Forte branch, also 1:30)

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Elvis Love Child
Loose
The Smalls
Welfare Bash
The Cruel Elephant
Wednesday 24 July
If this gig was indeed held for welfare patrons, then they all must rot on ICHIBAN, budging towards PVC pants and crushed velvet bustiers. Yeah, the mystery meal was rice 'n' peas. Okay I got the mandatory catty Disorder shit out of the way...the 3 bands were, on the whole, good. A lot better than I expected since some of the gig posters boasted it would be "better than fucking." The Smalls opened up with their own methadone-injected brand of Zeppelin homage and bastardized Black Sab-

bath songs. Loose was on second. They possessed tight spiraling guitars and a lack Edinso sounding lead, who forced the attentions of would-be sceptics and insincere fashion plates by swinging his black hair in their faces, coming as far as mid-piano bar to touch the souls of would-be fans and proving his sincerity by ending the set in a pair of tiny leopardskin panties. If this was the first gig, Loose played, they proved to be excellent stage personalities and worth checking out. The headliners, *Elvis Love Child* are definitely worth checking out. They started out on the club circuit playing heavy psychedelic grungy loudness and they've gotten to the point now where they never sound like "just noise" but have

a continual upbeat approach. And they're covered of "In N' Outta Graco" was cool, a Mudhoney tribute might be almost taboo for some bands but *Elvis Love Child* carried it off well. I wonder if their 60's movie-hypnotizer sets will return, it looked something like the inside of a cave...and all three are local bands too.

Anonymous

Front Line Assembly U-Go-In-Sekt Graceland

Thursday 25 July
Vancouver's general lackadaisicalness strikes again. I think it has a lot to do with the fact that people don't know how to deal with an aggressive industrial band, we're used to Skinny Puppy's performance art, which is not really interactive.

Opening act U-Go-In-Sekt is comprised of Mike Victory, who is on Spiral Records under the name of Sect, and Steve Rosen. An intriguing blend of rhythm, noise, and distorted guitar and bass, this, unfortunately, was a one-shot collaboration. But Sect will be playing Vancouver in the Fall as part of the Spiral Records showcase.

Front Line Assembly disapproved those who think they're a Puppy rip-off; in fact, I wondered how Bill Leeb stayed hidden as a Puppy keyboardist as long as he did. The nickname 'Bouncing Bill Leeb' is totally appropriate—he careens around the stage, flailing his arms, looking like a boxer without a partner. Rhys Fulber did most of the keyboard duties and also some truly amazing percussive work, including banging on sheets of metal. The duo were joined by drummer Chris Peterson who added a fuller feel to the music and also showed that electronic bands do not

just stick on a switch and get instant music. The bulk of material was from their latest album, *Cautious Grip*, which included a strange, guitarless "Provision" and my fave "Locolite," with all the songs were 'live' sounding—very little was pre-programmed. There seemed to be a small core of people going crazy, but most people just seemed to nod their heads—maybe stupefied in the face of such aggression.

Yes, Front Line didn't do an encore, but apparently sometimes they don't do encores (which makes them a promoter's nightmare). People assured me they thought Front Line was great. Hopefully they'll show it more physically next time. Front Line Assembly plays here, which should be, oh, about two to five years. As well, Front Line should give the audience more time to react, the momentum was cut by the shortness of the set.

June Scudeler

Meat Beat Manifesto Consolidated Commodore

Wednesday 31 July
So, like, I'm on the bus trying to figure out whether or not I'm gonna like this whole crusading rap stuff Consolidated is gonna pump out tonight. I am a fan of their

music and behind what they stand for, but I am thinking that the show is basically preaching to the converted, since most of the culprits involved in the bullshit which is sending us down the toilet probably won't be there tonight. I am also anticipating their way of hammering their messages home are going to cause a backlash-type reaction among the more complacent members of the crowd, basically voicing their whole efforts. Personally, I feel Billy Bragg has more of an effect on a crowd's consciousness, with his common sense approach, than Consolidated will with their scatergun-you're-all-guilty style. But they had their effect.

Natch the bus got me there late, so I got in after the show started. I glanced around and noted the crowd was in solid groove mode, jacket their bodies while Consolidated hammered their words home with a sonic mallet. Unexpectedly, the drums were live and wondrous—Adam Sherbourne abused a guitar and bass for most of the set. The next heavy music made the words together to make out than it should have been, but the crowd got the messages. The video montage they played during their set was heavy, driving home their point. It was hard to discern the crowd's sincerity in their agreement with Sherbourne's introductions to the songs, since many of the people were raising a fist with one hand and holding a Libani's or Molson's with the other. About halfway through, the conscious party stopped for a well made, but disturbing, anti-meat video, which inter MacDonald's ads with slaughterhouse film. After the show, the collectors had their now famous Q & A session.

This is where I realized how fucked up a lot of people in our scene are. While many pertinent points were put forth (usually by women), there were so many assholes (usually men, surprise, surprise) grabbing the microphone and spewing out nonsensical, redundant responses our governments have been handing out for decades. Maybe some consciousness was raised, but for some it was way over their heads. The pamphlet table was a great idea, and the group knew about the local problems, which gave their whole concept less of an American bias.

Meat Beat Manifesto was obviously the Fuck Issue, "Let's Dance" part of the show. And they sucked. It was like hearing remixes at a disco. No charisma at all, not enough life for a live show. The dancer was good, however, and it would have been cool to see their older shows, which had a more theatrical bent. Perhaps I was just overladen from the intenseness of the Consolidated set.

I came out of the show wiser, of course it's hard for none of the facts to sink in. I believe if you

can focus on one of any of the screwed-up things going on in the world, and set about fixing it, you will get much further than trying to do everything at once but you must be aware of all that is wrong. This is what Consolidated is about: Consciousness, not Propaganda.

Mike Mofe McElean

Superconductor Lung Cruel Elephant

Saturday 3 August
Perhaps I'll be wasting everyone's time with this...but I've got a theory that will put this entire show into perspective. Briefly, the problem with pop music is that the artists, having realized that their songs shouldn't run more than 2 mins and 50 secs, that stealing ideas is fine, and that you should be able to sing or hum the chorus of a song, have left it at that. The unfortunate result is all too often 'Have You Ever Been Woke.'

Conversely, Rock, having drunkenly stumbled over the ideas that guitars sound better louder, and playing with aggression and excitement are good things, nodded, belched and left it there. The result here is something like Joan Jett's last four or five releases.

The Answer is to combine the two (for example Dinosaur Jr.'s cover of the Cure's "Just Like Heaven"). Perhaps get a band with a drummer, two bass players, a back up singer and 6 guitars and see what happens. Theoretically speaking then, this show was a success for me before anyone even bothered to set up the fake palm trees, neo-classical columns, or smoke machine. So even if they thought they were kidding by

taking on one and half hour's worth of songs by your favorite 'pop' artist, I say they're not. Whether by accident, or bigger accident, the presentation, scale, volume, and level of distortion which they employed served to nicely illustrate my theory. The sound of Superconductor doing all those half familiar tunes gave them more than a glittering appearance of Mr. Neil "Forever in blue jeans" Diamond himself could have lent to the proceedings.

Opening act Lung (who billed themselves as their Smiths' tribute band "Wall to Wall Shag") also fit into my theory (but then I'm writing this review and if I can't get it to make sense I'm in serious trouble). Lung's attempts at the Smiths were competent but lent nothing new to the songs. Perhaps they sensed this because they abandoned their attempt to fuse genres and launched into a spirited set of their own material. If I'd never seen Sonic Youth I'd think Lung were Godhead, as it is, they're at least God's left knee cap.

Does fame, fortune, recognition of latent genius, and an appearance on the Arsenio Hall show await these groups? I have no idea, I just come up with the theories, it's up to them to live up to them.

Pat Carroll

Beowulf Asian Centre U.B.C Saturday 3 August

Metal clad warriors, blood swilling monsters, cold, gut-stained swords, lusty maids and iron-hearted Danish princes? The latest on-stage antics of GWAR?

Hardly. These spectacles all belong to the oldest "English" language musical/literary work we have



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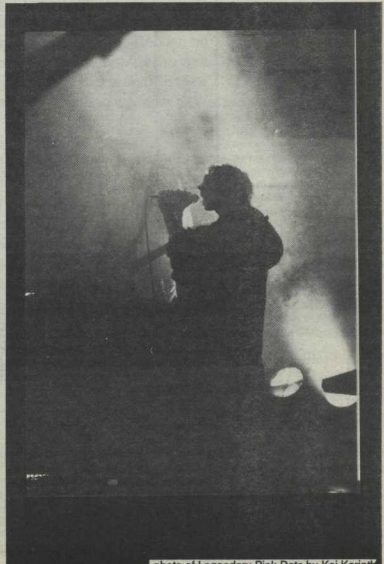


photo of Legendary Pink Dots by Kai Korinth

in extant form—the saga of Beowulf. Benjamin Bagby, an early-Anglo-Saxon musical specialist, was brought to Vancouver last month to spin this heroic Nordic tale of brave combatants, savage grey landscapes, popping tendons, gnashing teeth, joyless fens, flying goblets of flesh (what the hell is a goblet? Do I want to know?), and blood lusting “shepherds of air” (i.e. monsters).

Singing, talking, crying, and shouting in the ancient Anglo-Saxon tongue, Mr. Bagby put on an electrifying performance. I couldn't understand a single word of the haunting language despite it being the direct ancestor of the strangely successful English language (I did recognize a few words though, “blew”—“Blood,” and “god,” both used well). However, Mr. Bagby's wild gestures, emotions and characterizations brought the old story to vibrant life. He accompanied himself on a pair of six string lutes (and which no originals exist intact) and managed to coot a wide variety of mood setting musical textures, stopping to annotate a particular scene, or to address the audience directly as the ancient bard, who were both entertainers as well as musicians, must have done.

Over a thousand years ago when Beowulf was top of the bops, men were men, women were women, and monsters were horrible, smelly, and cruel. (Actually a lot like the men and women come to think of it!) Beowulf, stoutest of them all, is moved closer and closer to his brutal encounter with the nasty Grendel, an ill-tempered creature, who, because of his resentment of humans for not liking him, would sneak out of his swamp hole at night and slaughter the soldiers sleeping in the great wooden hall in the nearby town. When the two rivals finally meet, the saga of Beowulf also features another first in the history of the English language—the first documented reference to an all-star wrestling move. Beowulf eventually defeated Grendel by putting him into a well-managed arm-lock which the woeful monster only escapes from by ripping its own arm out of its socket. One, two, three, you're outta there!

The full Beowulf saga would take between four to seven hours to perform—the famous Grendel section is only part of the story. The ancients were highly tuned to the lyrical and poetic nuances of the original, and this could probably hear and envision things we cannot. However, the mystic tongue of the Anglo-Saxons and the age old tale of one man and a monster are irresistible. GWAAR could learn a few things here.

James Boldt

THE LEGENDARY PINK DOTS
Graceland
Tuesday 6 August
Trying to describe the Legendary Pink Dots is pretty near impossible. “uh, they're kind of psychedelic, Pink Floydish, kinda trippy...well, you just have to experience it yourself.”

The show was an experience, but I have the feeling the audience was expecting something different. What I don't know. People seem to want bands to keep them amused by

later shows and videos; the whole idea of the Dots is the exact opposite, use it as a time for introspection.

Front man Edward Ka-Spel looked like a gnome from hell. He pounded his keyboards like a crazed organist accompanying a silent horror movie. His vocals lashed people into safety, then he screamed like a banshee. His sense of humour did come through though as he held up a doll called “Princess Coldheart” and told the crowd not to make her mad because she killed. Here, he reeled off some ridiculous number of victims, and that was just in Seattle.

Musically, sometimes it did drag, but the Dots require an open mind and patience. The live saxophone was an intriguing angle, as was the guitar. Maybe what would have made the show better was a more intimate setting—the Zoviet Wilds' show at the Bellspire springs to mind...maybe next time.

June Scudler

Big Drill Car
Live Lawn
Recktopus
Pasta

Acadian Hall
Sunday 18 August

Let's cut to the chase. I missed the first three bands because it was too fucking hot that night and the last place I wanted to spend it was in the Acadian hall, which, when packed with 300 or so sweaty pop-core-heads, is like walking through a drive-in car wash when the wax rollers are on. If that's too difficult to comprehend, then read this while standing under your Waterpuck with all of your clothes on and the hot knob apert. Either you get the picture or your issue of Disorder is illegible.

So, I know it's not fair to the 3 bands that I missed, but had they been playing in the vicinity of a Wet Banana I would have been there with bells on. Sorry guys.

Big Drill Car, on the other hand, I did see. This was not just a concert, an event, a gig, so much as it was a night of miracles. During BDC's first song some dude lost a contact in the carnal commotion of the mosh pit. So you figure, that's it, it's gone, right? Wrong. The Kid comes up with it after groping around on the floor for a while. Pops the contact in his eye and he's at it again.

Big Drill Car tested the water with tracks from their new CD, *Batch*, and most couldn't tell the difference between those and their older songs. This is good. When you have a formula that has little boys and girls going “Goo” and also has them scraping out truckloads of cash for your product, be happy. A healthy dose of past classics and a stirring, SCUD missile attack version of Cheap Trick's “Surrender” proved that Big Drill Car was indeed nitrous-oxide

powered.

Scooter

A Moodyville Moo-Moo
Nardwar presentation featuring:
Fugazi

The Fastbacks
Me, Mom & Morgentaler
The Smugglers
10 Feet Tall
North Van. Rec. Centre
Tuesday 20 August

It's reassuring that even after 16 Nardwar presentations he's managed to keep the momentum up and continually blows the doors off of the respective venues. And that is saying a lot when the venue is a hockey rink and listening to the bands is like hearing your best friend's mom fart in the bathroom over the telephone. Believe it or don't, but the sound at the North Van. Rec. Centre was worse than (cringe) 86th St. 5 bands, 6 bucks, lots of whiny kids, one ambulance, 3 arrogant quincy-punks, put in a hockey rink until warm and slightly damp.

If you missed 10 Feet Tall you were lucky. This band has nothing new to offer. A bunch of longhair poseurs playing guitars like they were hockey sticks, striking their best Warrant demi-metal-god stances and swinging their hair in unison. This either made bile rise in your stomach or, in some demonic way, made you want to play ringette.

The Smugglers, on the other hand, were a humble gang of musicians. These guys were neither good nor bad but who would've thought that the Beachcomber cast was this hard up for work. Toques, toques, toques! Thank them for at least having the decency of playing a very short set.

Me, Mom and Morgentaler were next and the first of the big wigs. A pleasant blend of ska-core that had all skanking up a storm. One unfortunate gent split open his head during these guys and he alone was a Gwar show. Blood everywhere. But the St. John's people were on hand to administer tourniquets and various other pseudo-bondage type devices and before you knew it, they had the kid walking again. It was a miracle worthy of telegenical recognition. It's scary what they can do with a roll of hockey tape and a flashlight. Morgentaler plowed on the while and were as catchy and pleasing as their name would suggest.

The Fastbacks took the stage. I've seen these guys before and then they did nothing for me. This night I missed them because I was busy not listening to them. So, because I didn't hear them, I can't really judge their performance, but I'll bet they sounded the same as before.

Fugazi! I must make it absolutely clear that there is no way that I can do justice to a Fugazi gig. First, because I don't think my writing is worthy of capturing what Fugazi is about. Second, my opinion would be biased as I have a shrine built to Fugazi at home.

So what can I say? Fugazi! Politic-core. Not the kind of politic-core that has you in the face like a Braun iron but the kind that makes you go, “Yeah, I dig what they're saying.” Those who could accept Fugazi for being something other than a slam band got more than 6 bucks worth of concert that's for sure. The want is there. The need is there. Straight-edge! Fugazi! Heaven! Take a bow Nardwar.

Scooter

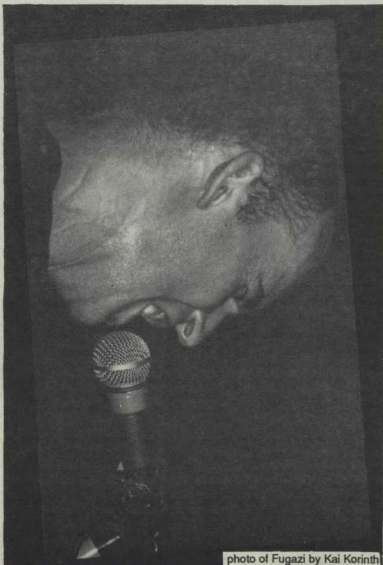
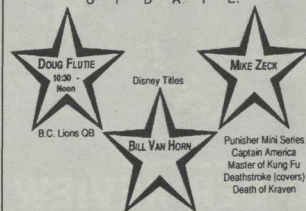


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UNDER REVIEW

The Grapes of Wrath These Days Capitol/Nortwerk

The Grapes of Wrath sound a bit more like Led Zeppelin than the Byrds or Simon & Garfunkel on *These Days*. The jangly guitars of *Treehouse* are in little evidence and the lush sound of *Now and Again* has been expanded into a fuller sound album of nifty riffs and well-defined guitars.

Most of these developments are to the credit of producer John Leslie, whose previous work with the Posies, and to a lesser extent XTC's psychedelic incarnation The Dukes of the Stratosphearic, has carried over to the Grape's latest project.

The blending of their melodic, acoustic-orientated songwriting with a heavier, guitar-orientated sound works well. Good examples of this are "Days" and the album's closer, "Miracle." The Beatles influenced melodies and harmonies are captivating and haunting, yet those qualities are only magnified by a full mix of acoustic guitars, piano, organ, and layers of electric guitars. Even when the amps are cranked full-up, as on "A Fishing Tale," the trademark Grapes of Wrath songcraft stands out over the hard-driving, pulsing rhythm (and the accordion is a nice touch).

If anything, The Grapes of Wrath are sounding more mature on *These Days*, as their talents, in both writing and performing, are exposed in greater detail than in the past. More focused and energetic than any of their previous efforts, this is the finest showing of one of our best local acts.

Cameron Riches

Coll Love's Secret Domain Cargo/Wax Trax

Well, I can unequivocally say this is dead beautiful. Love's *Secret Domain* is an intoxicating mix of the familiar and the unexpected, Spanish guitars pop out of nowhere. The whole CD has a feeling of warmth to it—the sun of such climates as Spain, the Australian Outback, or the Far East.

Love's *Secret Domain* with two short bits of whimsy, "Disco

Hospital" and "Teenage Lightning" then goes with "Things Happen," an unusual tip of the hat to French cabaret songs. Next up are a quartet of instrumentals—"The Snow" is house music that is beautiful in its sparseness, "Where Even the Darkness is Something to See" and "Dark River" are both highlighted by didgeridoos, and "Teenage Lightning 2" is an indescribable weirded out hip hop/dance mutant experience. The single, "Window Pane," is here in all its mystical magnificence, as well as "Chaostrophy," an experimental duty with doobs, violins, alous and radio snippets. Ex-Sofa-Coll alumna, Marc Almond, sings on the album's weakest track, "Titan Arch," which is too sickly sweet. But the album's title track is last and is a paean to the madness of love—"we're not sure if the singer is in pain or is experiencing supreme pleasure. Love's *Secret Domain* is a must-have.

June Scudeler

The Jazz Passengers Live at the Knitting Factory Knitting Factory

The Jazz Passengers' are a New York jazz group co-founded by Roy Nathanson & Curtis Fowlkes. They, and the other members of the Passengers, have been part of the Lounge Lizards for many years.

The Jazz Passengers music is much different than the Lizards, being closer to improvisational jazz, with lots of smooth but crazy solo breaks liberally scattered throughout their tunes. They are really great showmen live (I had the pleasure of seeing them at the Clutch in '89) and this CD captures their performance from three live shows at the Knitting Factory in New York.

This CD has a really smooth flow to it but, as I already mentioned, it has a lot of chaotic improvisation in it, so it will probably only appeal to you if you like jazz music in general.

I really like it myself, but for you really serious audiophiles, be warned, there's some distortion on one of the horns that pops up throughout the whole CD, something most people will be able to see past.

A Voice of Dissent

The Fall Shift Work Sinister/Polygram

The Fall's newest release is a lot like their last one—it grows on you. Mark E. Smith's vocals are still in fine form (which means he still can "sing"), and the lyrics are the usual inventive Fall quality. But the music lacks a bit of the raw simplicity and, to use a highly overused word in the music biz, urgency. On their last album, *Extricate*, the band deliberately tried some new sounds, and after climatizing myself to them, I felt the album was a success, especially with songs like "Chicago Now," "The Little Rebel," and "Coldcut's Telephone Thing." On the new album a few songs stand out, notably the delightful "A lot of the Wind" about all those arpy, pony-tailed types out there (Mr. Smith has a thing about ponies that as one of his albums he lists the recording technicians as a bunch of guys with pony-tails). However, overall, this release is not as biting as *The Frenz Experiment*, for example. But *Shift Work* is still Fall quality and Mark E. Smith is still the coolest guy to ever dress in department store actionwear and sing off key and get away with it.

J. Boldt

Lustmord Lustmord and Paradise Discovered Dark Vinyl

These two releases are the aural equivalent of Clive Barker's *Books of Blood*.

The first of the two, a self-titled CD with tracks recorded live during '80-'81, has an air of interesting note on it—all recordings were made at excessive noise thresholds, indeed it should be noted N. Duster's ears bled through the EMS sessions. "And thanks to go to SPK's Grimes Revell. *Paradise Discovered* was recorded in '84 in such appropriately austere locales as Chartres Cathedral and a cave.

Both of these CD's are truly evil sounding, not the bang your head variety, but a subtle, creeping unease. A good example of this is "Sibbling" from the *Lustmord* CD, which features such uplifting samples as "Sometimes I'm scared to live/ Dying is what's easy," and sounds of children and saws, which takes on decidedly ominous overtones: an ominous the word here, never becomes clichéd at there are enough twists and turns to keep the listener in its net. *Lustmord* is almost 74 minutes long, so all the

oppression can be hard to swallow in one big gulp unless you're in a particularly murderous mood. *Paradise Discovered* is similar in feel to *Lustmord*, but has more atmospheric, less chilling, and is quieter, not as blatantly wicked sounding. It's certainly not the feel good record of the year. The stand-out track is "Comamon Q.Q. Comamon" which bludgeons you into submission with its relentless thudding beat and short bursts of static, percussion, distorted vocals and Native Indian chants.

These two CD's are not recommended for the faint-hearted to listen to late at night, but if you're of sterner stuff, enjoy!

June Scudeler

Sioxsie and the Banshees Suspicion Geffen

There's a soft spot in my heart (brain?) when it comes to Sioxsie Sioux. Its roots lie deeply and can be traced back to one of those inextinguishable early pubescent crushes, now nearly two decades old and still lingering in my sub-conscious.

Sioxsie's new single "Kiss Them For Me" has gotten me excited all over again. Sioxsie and her Banshees got themselves all hip-hopped up on this fun little dirty, they've even thrown in some decent doses of dulcimer and tabula to make this a happenin' little pop bon-bon, even the "Johnny-come-lately" stations have caught on to it.

Suspicion, the album (follow up, it's...well...err...uhmm...I'm sorry to say...medicine at best. Is it the switch from Polydore to Geffen? Is it merely old age? Do they have kids now?...and so close on the heels of the excellent *Paradise Lost* by the Creature's Boomerang—play.

Only half this album is acceptable. "Kiss Them For Me" is by far the best track. "Fear of the Unknown" is vintage Sioxsie, circa *Kaleidoscope*, and is a welcome regression. "Silly Thing" is quite catchy. "Get to Get Up" has a...golly gee...it's a wonderful life...kind of punk that's easy to get carried away by. Another decent track is "Silver Waterfalls." As for the rest, well, they're not good at all. They suffer from a lack of lyrical as well as musical finesse and inspiration. The melodies sound like I've heard them in a previous incarnation. The lyrics are sadly limp and sullen, even Sioxsie's cool vocalizations can't make up for their deficiencies. There is also a certain absence of the musical detailing and productional em-

bellishment that I've come to expect from Sioxsie and her charges. The single "Drifter" (sounding, "Little Sister," "Shadow Time" (thrash), "The Librarian" (the worst by far) and "Ghost in You" (stinky title), but some lyrics that deserve better than that), are just not up to scratch by any measure.

Suspicion smells, feels, tastes, and sounds suspiciously like a contractual obligation fulfilled (hell there Mr. Geffen). A killer single for sure, but only an EP's worth of okay material. The

Lustmord

rest should have been left on the editing floor. After having said all this I feel slightly guilty...I'm sorry...but really...blah.

Peter Sicker

G.W. McElnann Watershed Beggars Banquet

No one could have asked for a more unpretentious prolific pop band than the Go-Betweens. *16 Lovers Lane*, a sweeping album that would mark the group's curtain, was their finest accomplishment. But just as these Australians matured into a band of great character and class, after ten years, the Go-Betweens were no longer.

Fortunately, the group's main frontman, Grant McLennan, has remained productive. In an odd musical hybrid, he collaborated with The Church's Steve Kilbey earlier this year for a project called Jack Frost (the two produced some brilliant, though subdued, material together), and now comes G.W. McLennan's first solo album, *Watershed*.

A lot of the ingredients here are reminiscent of the Go-Betweens: soulful melodies followed by a bouncy acoustic guitar, lyrics that are intimate, introspective, and sometimes surprisingly twisted ("He hung around her like a baby sister! She rubbed his face in kitty litter"). And, of course, there's McLennan's, um, distinctive voice. Actually, he sings as well as writes and performs, with such sincerity that it makes his quirky voice seem more affectionate.

However, the Go-Betweens worked to sell as a group that he seems to have lost some fine backing. A few of the cuts on *Watershed*, like "Haven't I Been A Fool," "Haunted House," and "Dream About Tomorrow," sound like great leftovers from *16 Lovers Lane*. But largely, the album plays like Grant McLennan with An Anonymous Backing Band (one reason "Putting the Wheels Back" on sounds so horrendously cheap). For diversity, there's the country-tinged "Just Get That Straight," "Broadway Bride," and "Stones For You" as are haunting as his Jack Frost contributions.

For the most part, *Watershed* is a wonderful album. It's just that it's only a great work from someone who could be so excellent. Unfortunately, we may not see that part of McLennan again but he finds some collaborators, like the Go-Betweens or Steve Kilbey, who can complement his striking talents.

Cameron Riches

Heaven Victims of Deception

The first six songs on this record involve the willingness of the greater population to accept religious practices without scrutiny—kind of an overdone theme. But the music that is incorporated into the delivery of the message is worth listening to for its own sake. A lot of catchy riffs, played through a lethal guitar sound, and great vocals help this release to be the one I would suggest for any fan of aggressive music. How can you go wrong with a band who shows so much technical skill, musical diversity and integrity? Answer: you can't.

Braden Zmo

Fela Anikulapo Kuti Original Superherd Schanachie

This man and his excellent band put on an excellent live show and have found. Although many may have found his dialogue between sets uncomfortable and sexist and long-winded, it was a great show full of great music.

Original Superherd is a re-release of material from '81-'84 and two of the tracks, "Sorrow, Tears and Blood" and "ITT," have a very similar feel to two other Fela songs: "Unnecessary Begging" and "No Buried," (sorry, I don't know the name of the album that these are off of). Fela songs are always very long, rarely ever less than 10 minutes and sometimes more than 20, but that's definitely a good thing with the irresistible grooves this man lays down. And the message is as strong as the groove: to resist the abuses of authority, to treat the poor and oppressed with respect and compassion, and to fight the corruption of money and politics with our voices and our understanding. Deep-throated proletrizing amidst the swirl of an Afrobeat/jazz/funk, guitar and horn lines entwining about each other.

A Voice of Dissent

Anacrusis Manic Impressions Metal Blade Records

A new wave in heavy metal thrash... Anacrusis consists of four talented musicians: Ken Nadiwood and left guitar, John Emery bass, Kevin Hiedbreder/right guitar, Chad Smith/drums) who create a very heavy death metal sound. Ken Nadi's exceptional voice, with which he sings intelligent, thoughtful lyrics, gives the band a unique sound. The riffs can only be explained as ranging from very speedy to more slowed down grinding sound. Although Anacrusis is a thrash band it does not neglect the melodic aspects of thrash, with a lot of acoustic guitar, heavy bass, and a good drum beat. The music is great. Comparing Anacrusis to other bands, I would have to say it's a cross between Death Angel and Slayer. Anacrusis—definitely to be a contender very soon.

Jayson Prefontaine

Xentrix Dilute To Taste Road Racer

This release consists of two studio tracks and four recorded live. The two done in the studio reflect a musically talented band with a lot of flowing tempo changes and well-structured solos. Between the two tracks are modifications done to both the guitar and drum sounds to fit the atmosphere of the two songs. The other side contains some excited, and very vocal, fans along with a cover of "Ghostbusters." The guitar harmonies in these Maiden fashion, but there's a rawness here that Maiden has never had. The mediocrity of the recording is the only dimension that didn't appeal to me about *Dilute To Taste*. Do you like British Metal delivered with fury? Welcome home.

Braden Zmo

Here is the latest edition of Future Rap. With the release of the kickin' film *Boyz n the Hood* came the slammin' compilation with some real dope stuff! Sure there are the few tracks for those R&B fans, such as: "Me and You," by Toni/Toni/Toni, and "Just Ask Me Too," by Tevin Campbell, but then comes the REAL tunes by such brothers as Ice Cube, Compton's Most Wanted, 2 Live Crew, Kamm, and Main Source. The production is definitely on the up-and-up, and fly ballistics are being dropped. Even the ladies, Yo-Yo speakin' on the issue of her Down-Ass Mama, and Monie Love urgin' all to "Work it Out," the vibes are generatin' and evidently per-petratin' the soul. If you are looking for a great compilation with all "the latest," (and there are 14 tracks), bustin' their rhymes, then this is a pick-up not to drop! *Boyz n the Hood* paints a picture of the rough conditions that those less fortunate must face in certain areas. It reconfirms the issues raised in the movie which, then, one should get a chance to check out and absorb.

DJ Quik... the name sound vaguely familiar? *Quik is the Name*, is the title of this brother's album. This 1991 release contains 13 hits and is on Profile Records. The lyrical expression is flowin', there is a wide variety in styles, the tracks are all produced well, with lots of breaks and changes in speed and rhythm, and the man's got it goin' on! Several of the songs are already boom'n in the dance halls, these being: "Sweet Black Puss," "Toni," "Born and Raised in Compton," and a popular hit not found in the release, "Bitch Better Have My Money!" Quik also throws in a reggae tune called, "The Bombbudd," which talks of his addiction to smokin' da joint. Gettin' a little nastier is Quik's

explicit love ballad, "I Got That Feeling." But my personal is, "Loked Out Hood." This album is far from disappointing. Quik is obviously a very talented man who actually produced all his tracks, with a bit of additional help only on "8 Ball." Talk of dope-dealin', free wheelin', booze-consumin', and drug abusin', is what the majority of this gangsta's lyrics involve. The words are thrown together smooth and quick, or fast, though sometimes slow'n'flowin, and the pace is always just right...QUIK IS THE NAME.

While we're on the topic of gangsters, on RAP-A-LOT records the Geto Boys have come out with their newest CD, *We Can't Be Stopped*. I guess to put it lightly some of the songs are rather controversial as far as lyrical content is concerned. But then again this is the Geto Boys we are talking about, and this is simply to be expected. The cover of this release shows Bushwick Bill looking less than attractive. Apparently, in Houston, it was said, that after downin' 190% proof Everclear, Bushwick, feeling extremely suicidal, tried to have his girlfriend shoot him, and in the struggle the trigger, accidentally pulled, went BANG! straight into Bushwick's right eye. This is the lovely sight we get to see: Bushwick, talking on his cellular, with his gauze patch hanging down, and his eye almost hanging out! Sick! Maybe this is cool to some... but I don't know about that! Anyways other than the attention-grabbing sleeve, the CD is pretty good. Somehow though *Grip It On That Other Level* had more... flavour? The beginning of the CD starts off with a tune called, "We Can't Be Stopped" which tells of the trouble the Geto Boys went through while trying to release their album. Obstacles such

as lawyers trying to take them to court, manufacturers not wanting to press the discs, promoters talking away tour dates, radio, talk shows and magazines banning the crew, and further events took place but did not stop this album from coming out...strong!

One song titles, "Chuckie," is a gruesome song with plenty of violent description in it. It is cleverly written and is obviously directed towards the PMRC, showing the effect that "Child's Play" and other horror movies has on the public. PMRC is always so busy trying to clamp down on rap acts, but the fact is that a lot of these horror films are ten times as vicious, and disgusting, and influential towards its viewers. "1/2 my body is Chuckie," states that the movie has caused Bushwick to become 1/2 insane due to the overpowering influence the movie has had on his brain. Samples from "Child's Play," are in the song, and eerie music also runs through the track. "Mind Playin' Tricks On Me," seems to be one of the better tracks, or maybe this is just one of the more air-playable pieces. "E—War," isn't bad either. The message being portrayed is that it is a waste of time and lives to fight for 2 people's mistakes.

The General of Soul, James Brown, in his song "Funking Around," had said the same thing around the time of the Vietnam War. Now it's Iraq, but it's still pointless to go to war. Geto Boys say, "I ain't going to war for a shit talking President!" In one of the songs we discover the true personality of the members. I believe it's titled "I'm Not A Gentleman." The track starts off with a sample from "Ladies First," then Willie Dee cuts in, stating that that's a load of crap. He's from the ghetto, and is not a motherfucking gentleman. Of course he says that he treats a lady like a lady (a bitch like a bitch, etc.). This explicit CD also has its rude and crude tracks too, but I won't get into that. If you dig the Geto Boys, based on their previous album, then chances are you will somewhat dig *We Can't Be Stopped*. It's awright.

Hah! Hah! Hah! Who's next to step up and get reviewed? Here's a little something I can guarantee you is not worth your while to purchase. Giant Records recording artists... Ice Blue! This young female is not correct. Upon first listening to this performer who has had all her production, mixing and lyrical contents arranged by someone else! The production fits into the formula of be-boppy teen bubblegum tunes. The music is polished to the point of commercial syndrome overdose! To recite

the lyrics written takes no talent at all and there is absolutely nothing being said. Some particularly irritating songs are, "It's Your Birthday," and "He's Got It Going On." If you're into rap music, you'll find this release to be an insult. There are nine songs in total, which are nine songs too many! (Wack!)

The Ruler's Back... Slick Rick's back on the scene with his 12 track release. Slick Rick raps along in his famous rollin' style. His first 12, "I Shouldn't Have Done It," appears on the album. In "Bond," Rick goes on an adventures as though he were James Bond. Flavour samples are thrown in, as well as horns and some scratching. "Moses," is a hit where he tries to school his listeners about Moses in the rap style that is easy to comprehend. With sample from "Indian Girl," off his previous album comes the tune, "Tonto." On a more serious tip, Rick changes styles and falls into a depressed voice telling of the "Mistakes of a Woman in Love with Other Men." Another sad-toned rap is displayed in, "Run Away" where he talks of knowing that his girl is gonna run away to another man. He asks "How can he live to serve this next day?..." Slick Rick flows in his same old style not needing to pause for air anytime that I could tell. To conclude his release a housed-up version of "The Ruler," is tossed on the end. He talks through a speaker and lets the bass line and thumpin' bass drum take its toll. Go Slick Rick!!!

From Houston, Texas on RAP-A-LOT Records, is *Choice*, with *The Big Payback*. This female MC takes no shorts! In the first track she manages to diss and dismiss such rappers as Eazy-E, Ice Cube, Dre and Yella, Willie Dee and the other members of the Geto Boys, and as a finale, saves Too Short for last. Throughout the next tracks we find out that she is not some materialistic bitch and is down with her man 100%, "Back Seat Betty," is a song discussing the problem of girls who start young, messin' around with players and drugs. Rumors fly and self-respect seems to leave with it. It is sad how these girls get played, turn to drugs, and keep on in the game where they are always the loser. No joke. Choice explains, "I talk nasty but I'm no whore!" Funky horns end this track. The second side of *The Big Payback* is a lot nastier than the first. On the first side some intelligent lyrics are kickin', but on the other side sex, sex, sex, is all you hear. From "Mr. Big Snuff," to "Pipe Dreams," to "Cat got your Tongue," it's plain to see this is one horny bitch. Most rhymes, overall, are well-written, with the exception of a few instances where it seems ad lib has saved Choice from doing a take. She actually sounds like a female Bushwick, if that is possible, and has a good voice for rappin'. This woman knows how to throw down, so beware... and when you're out at the record store askin' yourself what to buy,

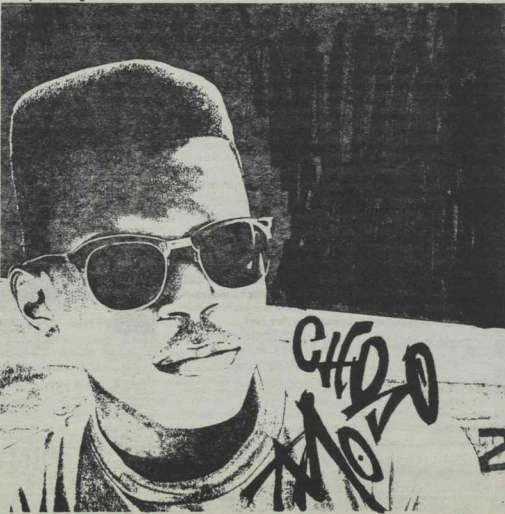
make this your CHOICE. A single just received at CTR is that of *Missy Misdemeanor*. The release is called, "Let the Good Times Roll," and has several mixes on it. The song is very basic, and until further tracks have been released, no review is in check.

Two other recent recordings have also not really interested me but seeing that they are here, I have no choice but to mention them. *Sway & King Tech*, with *Concrete Jungle* has hit. The majority of the songs feature King Tech, not as rapper but producer, mixer, etc. The raps lack originality, something that is becoming a real bonus nowadays. It separates the real artists from those out only to hit the charts and make a quick buck or two. I'm not saying that this is what these boys are up to, but it is quite noticeable that King Tech dominates the tracks. The production is clear and concise and there are plenty of samples in the mixes. "Concrete Jungle," has samples from Grandmaster Flash's "The Message"... "It's like a jungle sometimes" and another well known sample from the Eagles.

Downtown Science has also come out with a full release, but I have not had a chance to listen to all of it. It is also very high in production quality and sounds rather sterile in many areas. The style seems more suited for commercial radio play.

As for the rapper this month... Quik is the name.

Sway and King Tech



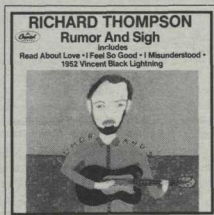
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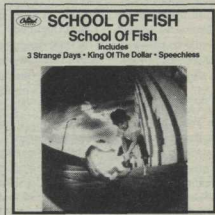
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Guitarist from the alarm...music with a grass-roots approach. A bluesy, folk journey you'll not soon forget.

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This Norwegian band is a cross between the Cult, Jesus Jones, heavy metal and almost everything else you can think of.

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SUNDAYS

ARE YOU SERIOUS? MUSIC 8:00AM-12:00PM The newest new music and information on concerts, recordings, and composers with host Ian Hutchley.

THE BRUNCH REPORT 12:00-12:15PM News, sports, weather and more with the CTR News, Sports and Weather Departments.

THE ROCKERS SHOW 12:15-3:00PM Hosts: George Barett and Mike Cherry. Reggae, innu, all styles and fashion. Donahosi, Dub, Rock, Lovers-rock, Rock/Ready, Ska and beyond!

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE 5:00-5:30PM All the day's news, weather and sports. Top on in-depth interview, movie review and more. Hosted by Luc Dinsdale.

HEARST 5:30-6:00PM CTR's literary arts program needs YOU to submit your works for on-air performance or reading.

ELECTRONIC SMOKE SIGNALS 6:00-8:00PM From the global cultures of resistance hosted by Horacio de la Cueva, alternating Sundays.

MAURY'S GOT THE NIGHT OFF 6:00-10:00PM ALTERNATING SUNDAYS Kinky antics, current relevant issues, Joe Jackson, Pinkie, Ice-T, Hellbaiter, and your local requests. Hosted by Karen Toddington and Lloyd Umana.

RADIO FREE AMERICA 10:00PM-12:00AM John host Dave Emory and colleague Nip Tuck for some extra-ordinary political research going beyond to make you think twice. Bring your tape deck and two C-90s. Originally broadcast on KJFC (Los Altos, California).

MONDAYS

THE MORNING SHOW 7:30-8:15AM Wake up with the CTR Morning Show. All the news, sports and weather you need to start your day. Plus what's happening at UBC each day with UBC Digest, a feature interview and more. Topped off with the BBC World Service News at 8:00AM, live from London, England. Hosted by Ian Gunn and Anjie Rauwerda.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BROWNS 8:15-11:00AM Your favourite breakfasters James and Peter offer a savoury blend of the familiar and exotic in an excitingly delicious

blend of aural delight! Tune in and enjoy each weekly brought down special.

CDN AND GOURD'S STUDIO RADIO SHOW 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Noon feature: Crucifix in your ear.

THE AFTERNOON REPORT 1:00-1:15PM News, sports and weather.

MEKANIK OBJECT NOIZE 1:15-3:00PM CTR's all industrial/technical/electronic show with different feature albums every week. With your dj, June, Bill Leeb loves you. It's about time.

LOOK IT'S A BONUS GIFT TIME AGAIN, HOWARD 3:00-5:00PM New records and new CDs smell a special way. Tune in and have a whiff. Rowena has fly fever. She can't smell.

THE CTR DINNER REPORT 5:00-5:30PM At the latest campus news, sports, in-depth interview, theatre or film review, editorial commentary and more. Weekdays with host Ian Gunn.

SPORTS DIGEST 5:30-6:00PM Campus, amateur and professional sports with Keith Watson.

BOXER SHORT BOYZ 7:00-9:00PM Just a couple of guys who like to walk around in their boxer shorts with their big fat guys hanging out. Jerome Broadway and Gornell Timothy Harry alternate weeks.

THE JAZZ SHOW 9:00PM-12:00AM Vancouver's longest running prime time jazz program. Hosted by the ever suave Gavin Walker.

2nd A classic tonight, "Sonny Rollins Plus Four" is in reality the final studio recording of the Max Roach-Clifford Brown Quintet before the tragic auto accident that killed Clifford and the band's pianist Ritchie Powell. Hear why Rollins was the most brilliant trumpeter of his generation...he was only 26 when he died. Lasting Jazz.

9th "Extension" is a spiritual and moving documentary by McSoy Tyner, a gifted improviser, pianist and an all-star band that includes Gary Bartz (alto), Wayne Shorter (sax), Ron Carter (bass), Alice Coltrane (chorus), and Elvin Jones (drums). Tyner's concepts and compositions will take you to places you may never

have been...tonight!
16th "What is jazz", an educational, analytical and often humorous and very entertaining look at what jazz is and isn't. Narrated by the late great Leonard Bernstein. A great way to begin a new school year...learn about jazz.

23rd John Coltrane was born on this date in 1926...he would have been 66 today...we'll celebrate Coltrane's birthday by playing one of his most influential recordings... "Giant Steps". This record was a summing up of Coltrane's music and a breakthrough to his new phase. We will also be featuring Coltrane's music for the whole show tonight.

30th Theoristic Monk "Live in Tokyo" (1963). Monk's first visit to Japan with his working quartet with Charlie Rouse on tenor saxophone, Monk and the group brilliant from dazzling the Japanese.

PHENOMENON ONE 12:00-4:00AM Now hear that Roughneck dance hot Reggae, dub plates and live DJ selections that are ruling Jamaica and abroad, with whitey at the controls.

TUESDAYS

THE MORNING SHOW 7:30-8:15AM Hosted by Anjie Rauwerda and Ian Gunn.

DOG'S BREAKFAST 11:00AM-1:00PM Dogs' breakfast. I. A mess! (from 1934). 2. Confusion: kumol: Australian: since ca. 1935. Tune in for instant pandemonium, hilarity and fairy tales. With your exquisite hostess Helen G. Yes, there is life beyond news.

3rd The Youth Who Could Not Shiver and Shake - Grimes Brothers

10th The Lonestone. Last Religion of Morris Cole - Helen Poterbenko

17th Gabilan Market - Christina Rossetti

24th The Dancing Palm Tree - A Nigerian Folktale

BLOOD ON THE SADDLE 1:15-3:00PM Country music to escape the cowhitt off your boots to. With yer hot-poke Jeff Gray.

THE REAL DEAL 6:00-7:00PM "If it ain't rap then you know it's rap." Easy-E. Hardcore rap with a real heat Temo T.

THE AVANT-PIC 9:00PM-12:00AM Alternating Tuesdays with Wolf at the Door. Now three hours of funky ambient noise pligery with Peter Lutywiche.

WOLF AT THE DOOR 9:00PM-12:00AM Alternating Tuesdays with Avant-Pic. The latest in dance music and interesting deconstructive second-wave. With Lupus Yonderboy.

AURAL TENTACLES MONITE UNITE THE MOON DROPS FUN for the whole family to enjoy! Weird chunks of news, odd pieces of tuneage, Pierre and the 2AM WWO.

WEDNESDAYS

THE MORNING SHOW 7:30-8:15AM Hosted by Ian Gunn and Anjie Rauwerda.
LIVE FROM VENUS 10:00-11:00AM

Get this! Women Music/Women Stories Women Articles/Women Poetry Women Music/Women Got it!
CONTENTS UNDER PRESSURE 1:15-3:00PM Spinning the best (and sometimes the worst) playlist material, bringing a variety of music styles from places you'll not hear on any other radio station...seriously, I appreciate all requests. I work beat under pressure and the gods have seen to it that I am supplied well with some bizz, hence the title.

NORMAN'S KITCHEN 3:00-5:00PM The apocrypha of CTR. We like God. We like '70s Rock 'N Roll.

NO INTERMISSION 5:30-6:00PM A deejaying the drama, theatre, film and arts communities. With Anjie Rauwerda.

HANFORD NUCLEAR PIZZA PIE 6:00-7:00PM LaConner: weather freak-out zone of the Pacific Northwest.

JIGGLE 7:00-9:00PM Just because you're fat, doesn't mean you're attractive. Miley 'gilly' from the "Bitchy-head", joined by their adoring groupie, serve up breakfast all day from their porta-kitchen. Jiggle Jiggle! Lose all spindlin' control.

THURSDAYS

THE MORNING SHOW 7:30-8:15AM Hosted by Anjie Rauwerda and Ian Gunn.

A VOICE OF DISSENT 1:00-3:00PM There I was, minding my own business, listening to the CTR Live Report when the smooth, rhythmic tune came up behind me and bound me in its sinuous grip. I was hypnotized, spaced out, yawning with the pulse. Zoned out. Was defenestrated against the Beethoven assault when I felt, rapping my ears with torturous screaming saxophones. "On God, please, fuck my mind!" I thought. Send me a tape of your poetry, spoken word, or sound collage.

FLEX YOUR HEAD 3:00-6:00PM —HARD— —JUNK— —ERIC— —CORE—

OUT FOR KICKS 6:00-8:00PM Explore the pleasures of plastic with your faithful native bachelors Pat, Lisa, and sometimes Chris.

RED HOT AND BLUE 8:00-9:00PM Roots music, rhythm and blues, rock'n'roll, and who knows what, hosted by Edna and the band.

LIVE FROM THUNDERBARD RADIO HELL 9:00-11:00PM Local music from 9. Live bands from 9.

ABSOLUTE VALUE OF NOISE 11:00PM-1:00AM 100% Canadian industrialism. Noise with four-dimensional psycho-acoustic interactivity. Practitioner: Peter Courtenaume.

GARBARATI 1 AM-COMplete EXHAUSTION Later! Spontaneous aural combustion. Easy listening for the truly weird. Live mixes, sonic loud-drops, projection poetry, microphone modulation, and impromptu noise jams.

FRIDAYS

THE MORNING SHOW 7:30-8:15AM Hosted by Ian Gunn and Anjie Rauwerda.

TOP OF THE BOPS 10:00-11:00AM Musical chat. Marc Coulevin back up a tasty pot of gumbo soup.

THE INTERNATIONAL VENUS FLTPAT NETWORK OF LOVE 11:00AM-1:00PM Don't tune in 'cause you'll hate it. Blast it, well...maybe not. Bye.

THE NOIZ SHOW 2:30-3:30, 4:00-6:00PM Adam Noiz! Sloan brings the noiz.

NARROWJAW THE HUMAN SEVER LETTE PRESENTS... 3:30-4:00PM Jan Nordward and his war cat Cleo von Puffelstein for half an hour of stimulating Manhattan clam chowder entertainment.

THE CTR DINNER REPORT 5:00-5:30PM With the "Voice of Reason," our weekly look back at the week in the news, tongues first in check.

THE DARYL AND SUZI SHOW 6:00-9:00PM Underground sound system-style maelstrom radio.

FOR THE RECORD 9:00-9:45PM Excerpts from CTR's "Radio Free America" Series.

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CHARTS

The stuff in these charts has been compiled from playsheets filled out by all djs/programmers who had shows over the past month. The charts are organised in order of airplay. If you need or want any further information just give music director Robynn a call. She can most often be reached at CTR Monday to Friday noon to 4pm (PST).

SEPTEMBER 21 SHORT GOODIES 50

- 1 Fudge Tunnel... "Sunshine of Your Love" CD-55 (Relativity)
- 2 Various Artists... *Blebs Volume One: 4 Victory Bands* (7") (W/Out)
- 3 Various Artists... *Estus Half Hour 7" Box Set* (Estus)
- 4 Niki... "Hallelujah" 12" (GMC-RC)
- 5 The Orb... "Perpetual Dawn" 12" (Mercury)
- 6 Facepunch... "Immortalizer" 7" (Temple North)
- 7 Mchoney... *Let It Slide CD-8* (SubPop)
- 8 In This Box... "Scorch Attack" 12" (Cargo-KV)
- 9 Sleephead... "Play" 7" (Picture Book Artificat)
- 10 Pikes... *Planet of Sound 12" EP* (Polygram-40)
- 11 Sean... *Days of Thunder 12" (Honestec)*
- 12 Treepione/House of Large Sizes... *Split 7" (Toxic Shock)*
- 13 Yo-Yo... "Ain't Nobody But 12" (East West)
- 14 Chem Lab... *10 Ton Pressures 12" EP* (Chem Lab)
- 15 LFO... "We Are Back" 12" (Tommy Boy)
- 16 Octactacker... "Kiddie Fiat" 7" (Kil Yel)
- 17 Test Dept... *New World Order CD-8* (Jungle)
- 18 Fastbacks... *Double 7" (SubPop)*
- 19 Gary Clail & O-U Sound System... "Human Nature" CD-8 (EP) (Mammoth)
- 20 Blake Babes... *Royce Jack Night 12" EP* (Mammoth)
- 21 Terminator X... *Jewell Delinquents CD-8* (Sony-Def Jam)
- 22 Peepco... *Field of Darkness 7" EP* (Touch & Go... 145 Stick)
- 23 Antiochene... "Never Good Enough" 12" (Round the Globe-New Plateau)
- 24 Shabba Ranks... "Housecall" CD-8 (Sony-Epic)
- 25 Black Tambourine... *4-Song 7" EP* (Slumberland)
- 26 Ignatius... "Sweetfish" 7" (Gilead)
- 27 Buzzcocks... *Alive Tonight CD-8 EP* (Planet Pacific)
- 28 808 State... "Ooops" 12" (Tommy Boy)
- 29 Stereotatic Device... "Lentland" 12" (Cargo-KV)
- 30 Defunk Seeds... "S&P" 7" (Toxic Shock)
- 31 Iowa Beef Experience... *Trailer Court 7" (Noiseville)*
- 32 Anger Means... *Not Human Anymore 7" EP* (Skene)
- 33 Naughty By Nature... "O.P.P." 12" (Tommy Boy)
- 34 Slumpy Joe... *Love Plumber 7" (Populair)*
- 35 Moon Icon... *Memorial 7" (Vermin Sound)*
- 36 Gnome... "13 Family" 7" (Blossom)
- 37 Dolomite... *Venus 7" (Flasco)*
- 38 Miley Miley... "Let the Good Times Roll" 12" (Round the Globe-BMG-CA)
- 39 Bone Club... "Six Feet Under" 7" (Rocket Sound)
- 40 Burning Heads... "Hey You" 7" (Black & Noir)
- 41 Red Devils... "Queen Bee" 7" EP/Casting Couch
- 42 MIP... "Brunk & Aline" 7" (Audio Addict)
- 43 Youth Gone Mad... *Yesterday's Innocence 7" EP* (Smilin' Ear)
- 44 Ulys... *February Furlough 7" (Slumberland)*
- 45 Slushpuppies... *The "Blacklisted" Double 7" Set* (Mammoth-Parkland Coop)
- 46 Maric Toys... "What to Do" 7" EP (Trash Can)
- 47 Dambuilders... "Yo Mamafista" 7" (Puppethead)
- 48 Various Artists... *Model Ribbons 7" (Meat)*
- 49 Rene & Her Men... "Call Me" 7" (Rena)

SEPTEMBER 21 LONG GOODIES 101

- 1 Smeared... *Displeased* (SubPop)
- 2 Me, Mom & Morgantaler... *Crown Heaven & Hell* (Chooch)
- 3 NoMeansNo... *Live + Cuddly* (Alternative Tentacles)
- 4 Various Artists... *Till the Bars Break* (Cargo-Irresistible)
- 5 Mchoney... *Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge* (SubPop)
- 6 My Life with the Thrill Kill Kult... *Sexplosion* (Cargo-WaxTrax)
- 7 De La Soul... *De La Soul Is Dead* (Polygram-Tommy Boy)
- 8 Stephen Fearing... *Blue Line* (Sony-High Romance)
- 9 HIK... *Orange Pony* (Network)
- 10 Soundtrack... *Boyz in the Hood* (Warner-Quest)
- 11 Vasilik... *Liberation and Ecstasy* (Musica Maxima Magnetos)
- 12 Einstuzende Neubauten... *Strategies Against Architecture II* (Warner-Mammoth)
- 13 Smashing Pumpkins... *Siamese* (Gothic)
- 14 Various Artists... *Cold Front* (A&M-ATC)
- 15 Cat Carpes Dog... *The Benzal Beatz* (Cargo-KV)
- 16 Anthrax... *Attack of the Killer B's* (Island-Megafon)
- 17 Current 93... *Presents Harry Oldfield* "Crystal" (Wind Experience)
- 18 Meat Puppets... *Forbidden Places* (Polygram)
- 19 Deterium... *Stone Tower* (Dossier)
- 20 Zoviet France... *Shadow, Thief of the Sun* (D'Orville)
- 21 Soul Side... *Somebody's Happy* (Dischord)
- 22 Cyberakt... *Tenebrae Vision* (WaxTrax)
- 23 Spirit of the West... *Go Figure* (Warner)
- 24 N.Y.A... *Niggas4Life* (Round the Globe-Priority-Ruthless)
- 25 Rita Anikuaku Kult... *Original Sufferhead* (Shanachie)
- 26 Alice Donut... *Revenge Fantasies of the Impotent* (Alternative Tentacles)
- 27 Black Ultra... *Dead Fish* (Nine Mile)
- 28 Headfirst... *Iron Slams* (Merch-Mech)
- 29 And One... *The Enemy* (Cargo-Workhead)
- 30 Digits... *Anguish* (Machinery)
- 31 Eek-a-Mouse... *Full Reason Rally* (Touch & Go)
- 32 Sister Carol... *Water Cuts My Hands* (Mammoth)
- 33 Sister Carol... *Mother Culture* (Ras)
- 34 Lustmord... *Paradise Disarmed* (Side Effects)
- 35 Railroad Jerk... *Railroad Jerk* (Matador)
- 36 Various Artists... *India Cant* (India Cant)
- 37 Billingsgate... *No Apologies* (Cargo-Venustus)
- 38 Love Child... *Chay* (Honestec)
- 39 Believer... *Santy Obscure* (Roadrunner-R.E.X.)
- 40 Various Artists... *20 Explosive Dynamic Super Smash Hit...* (Pravda)
- 41 Think Tree... *Eight/Thirteen* (ShagglePop)
- 42 Kiki... *Electric Landay* (A&M-ATC)
- 43 Fastbacks... *Never Works Never Falls* (Revolver-Blastar)
- 44 Chris & Corey... *Pagan Tango* (Cargo-WaxTrax)
- 45 Grapes of Wrath... *These Days* (Capitol)
- 46 Pere Ubu... *Worlds in Collision* (Polygram-40)
- 47 Swamp Terrorists... *Grim-Stroke-Dease* (Machinery)
- 48 Gumball... *Special Kiss* (Caroline-Primo Scene)
- 49 Various Artists... *Sometimes Wish I Was Famous* (Cargo-KV)
- 50 King Missile... *The Way to Salvation* (Warner-ATC)
- 51 Walkabouts... *Where the Deep Water Goes* (SubPop)
- 52 Various Artists... *Eye of the Needle* (Vagrant)
- 53 I Saw Black... *Profile* (Ras)
- 54 Miley Dread... *Love and Life* (Virgin)
- 55 Definition of Sound... *Inclusion* (Cargo-Roadrunner)
- 56 Versus Beards... *Blackie The Rockstar Sound*
- 57 Bone Club... *DV 04* (Dark Vinyl)
- 58 Lustmord... *Live* (SR)
- 59 Sisterhaus... *Crime Against Humanity* (Cargo-Nuclear Blast)
- 60 Nausea... *1000 Smiling Knuckles* (Cruz)
- 61 Skin Yard... *First Family of Reggae* (Spinners-Shanachie)
- 62 Various Artists... *Love's Secret Domain* (Cargo-WaxTrax)
- 63 Coll... *Peasantry* (Flying Fish)
- 64 Los Folkloristas... *The Life of Riley* (Norton)
- 65 A-Bones... *On Another Planet* (Black & Noir)
- 66 Various Artists... *Peta Pata* (Island-Mango)
- 67 Dorothy Masuka... *Written in the Expense* (Cargo-KV)
- 68 Various Artists... *Amn* (Mammoth)
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- 70 Salif Keita... *What Makes a Man Start Fries?* (SS1)
- 71 Minutemen... *After the Good & Paul Armes*
- 72 Daniel Johnston... *Continued Story* (Homestead)
- 73 Big Audio Dynamite II... *The Globe* (Sony-Columbia)
- 74 Mano Negra... *King of Bongo* (Virgin)
- 75 Babal Maal... *Barry* (Gilead)
- 76 Cholo... *The Big Payback* (Round the Globe-Priority)
- 77 Ned's Atomic Dustbin... *God Fodder* (Sony-Columbia)
- 78 Meshuggah... *Contradictions Collapse* (Cargo-Nuclear Blast)
- 79 Pennywise... *Penetration* (Capitol)
- 80 Armand Schaubrock... *People Would Like... Armand... Dead* (Mirror)
- 81 Iron Postate... *Load, Fast, and Aging Rapidly* (Screaming Skull)
- 82 Sick Rick... *The Ruler's Back* (Sony-Columbia-Def Jam)
- 83 Janelle... *Grudge* (Black & Noir)
- 84 Les Shaking Dolls... *God Is Dead* (Black & Noir)
- 85 Dinosaur Jr... *Fossils* (SST)
- 86 Holy Amten... *Holy Amten* (Warner)
- 87 Various Artists... *Golden Thread 2* (Capitol)
- 88 Jazz Passengers... *Live at the Knitting Factory* (Knitting Factory)
- 89 Burning Spear... *Jah Kingdom* (Arista-Mango)
- 90 Iris... *Cafe Days* (Polygram-Hypnotic)
- 91 Lightnin' Hopkins... *Lightnin' Hopkins* (Festival Collection)
- 92 Defunkt... *Live at the Knitting Factory* (Knitting Factory)
- 93 Phantom Surfers... *88 Deadly Ones* (Norton)
- 94 Kool Moe Dee... *Punko Punko* (BMC-Jew-Jazz)
- 95 Jimmie Dale Gilmore... *After Another* (Warner-Elektra)
- 96 Mikey Dread... *African Anthem Revealed* (Ras)
- 97 Holy Amten... *Holy Amten* (Warner)
- 98 Myxox... *Intra in Cesium* (SDV)

SEPTEMBER 21 SINGLE MAGNETIC PARTY/CLOUTS 101

- 1 Temor... "Shocks Out"
- 2 Show Business Giants... "World Is Too Crowded"
- 3 Windwalker... "Chains"
- 4 Shining Path... "Falling"
- 5 Performe Trio... "Performe Trio"
- 6 Holowheads... "Stranga Town"
- 7 Jollyfish Babies... "Wanted Man"
- 8 Ten Feet Tall... "Beat of the Sun"
- 9 Frigo Magnets... "Who Stole My Love?"
- 10 Skin Bam... "Black"
- 11 Wheat Chiefs... "Radeem"
- 12 Surfistas... "Messed"
- 13 Lumblush... "Star Thirteen"
- 14 Show Business Giants... "Let's Get Together"
- 15 Pale Face... "In a Semi-Mental Mode"
- 16 Sand Doms... "66 Valiant on the Haunted Highway"
- 17 Drangilla... "TV"
- 18 Hoofanump... "Relapse"
- 19 Sister Lovers... "Love Graffiti"
- 20 Gloria Bizzard... "Let There Be Cockroaches"
- 21 Jack Fields Hum... "Sembel on TV Again"
- 22 Pasties... "Kill Yo Mama"
- 23 The Brave & Foolish... "A Place Down Here"
- 24 Ten Feet Tall... "I Used to Be Crazy"
- 25 Garden of Earthly Delights... "Wildflower"
- 26 Mary... "Police Hunt"
- 27 Partial Patsy... "Female Sex Organs"
- 28 Wet Spots... "I Wanna Be"
- 29 Tombstone Etiquette... "I Want You"
- 30 Holowheads... "Why Did You Come Here?"
- 31 Cat's Game... "The Solider"
- 32 Hitting Birth... "The Solider"
- 33 Citrus Park... "Eng's Bay"
- 34 Green House... "Victim of Circumstance"
- 35 Sludge... "Have You Died Yet?"
- 36 IT... "Satan's"
- 37 Sad Happy... "Accidental Family"
- 38 8 Miles High... "Animal"
- 39 Groove Ranch... "Cold War"
- 40 Cycle Hum... "Place in the Room"
- 41 Jane Hawke... "As We Walk on Thin Ice"
- 42 Exaporators... "Vampire Blues"
- 43 A Possess of One... "See How Radical"
- 44 Jack Farm... "I'm Confused"
- 45 Low Noise... "Wisdom Without Knowledge"
- 46 Gilch... "Krypton"
- 47 Touch & Go... "Ten or 100 Years"
- 48 Jan Sane... "Debris"
- 49 The Worst... "She's a Wreck"
- 50 Hiroshi Yano... "Air Corridor"
- 51 The Sun... "Running"
- 52 Ngoma... "Head"
- 53 Solid States... "Training for the Grim Reaper's Job"
- 54 May... "Three Man"
- 55 I Saw Black... "I Wear Guns When I'm Dangerous"
- 56 Smokin' Rhythm Pawns... "Big Ship"
- 57 Sludge... "Bamboo Tobacco"
- 58 Action Buckle... "Am I Waiting Time?"
- 59 The Rock Group... "The Rock Group"
- 60 Twich... "Mett Down"
- 61 The Indecivables... "Good Intentions"
- 62 Chris Melchoe... "Serious Distraction"
- 63 Pee Wee Manion... "Do What You Do"
- 64 Masochistic Religion... "Mad Juliana"
- 65 Blunkhuns... "Hey Sammy"
- 66 Eyon You... "Shakin' in Town"
- 67 Rhino Humpers... "Family"
- 68 Uneath... "Chicken Man"
- 69 Club DD... "Welcome to the Drug War"
- 70 Wicks Sigi... "Anarchy"
- 71 The 3 Child... "Call Me a Thing"
- 72 Death Among Friends... "Bad God"
- 73 The 14th Way... "The Man Who Lives Next Door"
- 74 The 14th Way... "The Man Who Lives Next Door"
- 75 Wignuts... "Hi Hoey"
- 76 No Fun... "Entaring Blind Area"
- 77 John Oswald... "Plunderphonics Example 18"
- 78 Brown Steps... "World Thru Me"
- 79 Ragged Rick... "What She's Doing"
- 80 The Worst... "Creepy Thing"
- 81 Lik ID... "Sweet Ecstasy"
- 82 Dose Pump... "Kiss Me (With My Clothes on)"
- 83 Holowheads... "I Haven't Got Anything Yet"
- 84 Coytones... "Lullaby"
- 85 Sebadoh's Sentridoh... "Win Skin"
- 86 Wicks Sigi... "A Thousand Holes in King"
- 87 Screaming Daisies... "Caught With Your Game"
- 88 Command Co... "Computer"
- 89 Scarlet Drops... "Early in the Morning"
- 90 Dose Pump... "Psycho on"
- 91 Digital Poole... "Raw"
- 92 Intoxicators... "Alec Kat"
- 93 INR... "Love Under Wire"
- 94 Culture Paintings... "The Man Who Wore the King"
- 95 Joe Nook Bone... "Judge and Jury"
- 96 Eden's End... "Things Will Change"
- 97 Hiroshi Yano... "Punkish Love"
- 98 Melodic Joy Dream... "Model Image"
- 99 Re-strict-ed... "Screw in Your Head"
- 100 Busker's Soundcheck... "Diamond"
- 101 Big Kitchen... "Flash and Blood and Huge Clumps of Meat"

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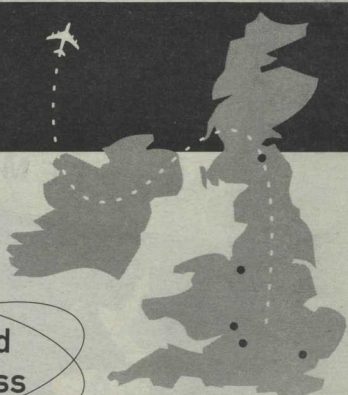
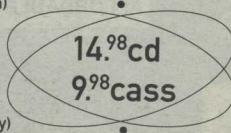


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These are some of our favorite new imports from UK artists, all on sale until September 15th. (If you don't know them already, come on down to Zulu and listen to them, or any other cd in stock, on one of our in-store cd listening booths.)

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Northside
Chapterhouse
Mock Turtles
The Orb
Ned's Atomic Dustbin
Primal Scream

- Emotional Hooligan
- Chicken Rhythms (available Sept. 5th)
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- Turtle Soup
- Adventures Beyond...
- God Fodder
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